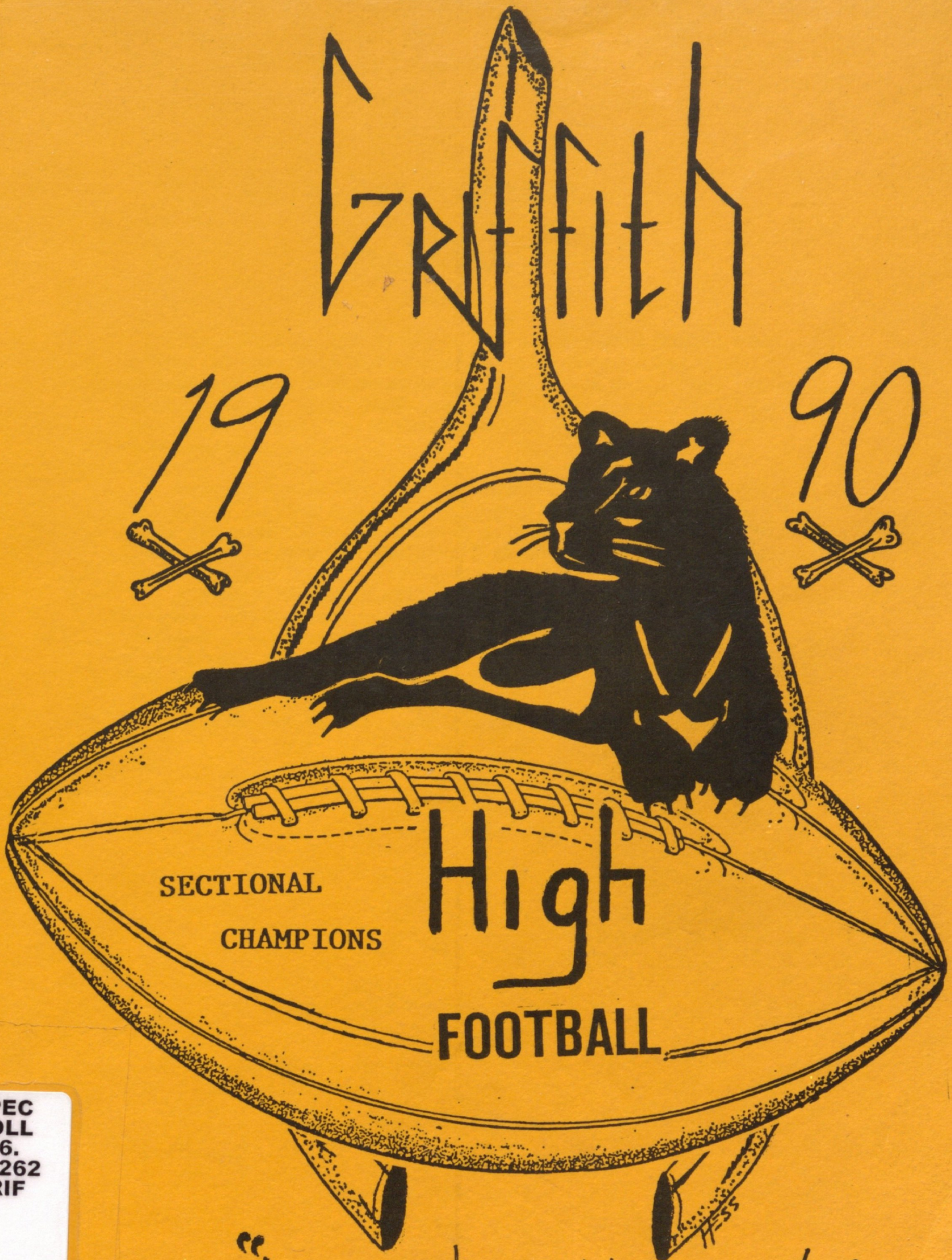
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Forward

The 1990 Griffith Panthers had another outstanding year ending the year with a 9 win and 3 loss record along with winning the Sectional Championship (only the 3rd in the history of the school). The highlights of the season were beating Noll 40-12 at Noll and defeating Gavit 28-6 in the sectional championship game.

We were one of the leading offensive teams in the area. We set new records for total offense (3743 yards), average yards per game (311) and rushing yards for the season (2809). Our varsity record for the past 3 years is 28 wins and 6 losses.

I'm sure this book will be enjoyed as much as all the past volumns. This is one of the unique traditions of our football program. I do not know of any other high school that has such a yearbook. I really appreciate the efforts of Dick Reyome and Mark Perko in putting this book together.

Support the Panthers and join in the **"MAGIC OF THE WISHBONE"**

Les Thornton
Head Football Coach
November, 1990

EDITOR'S NOTE

As I have stated in the past, since I am the person who accumulated all of the articles that I could find, arranged them so that they could fit on standard size paper, and with the help of many students, collated these pages into book form, I guess that I qualify as the editor of this book, and as editor I assume the right to get personal.

I would like to thank some of the people who helped me to gather the information contained in this book: my wife **Dian**, who as in years past, has been my right hand in any venture which I have undertaken - I am really lucky to have such a wife; to my daughters, **Kristen, Karrie,** and **Kelly** who have assisted in the collection of the articles (no matter from what paper they read, if there is anything about the **GRIFFITH PANTHERS**, they send it to me); to the members of my classes who have assisted in the collating of the pages into book form; and to **Mr. Mark Perko,** who has spent many hours printing the pages of the book. But, most of all, I would like to thank the **MEMBERS OF THE 1990 FOOTBALL TEAM** who provided the deeds and thrills which are recounted in the pages of this book. This book started out to be just a momento, but now has turned into one of the most read books in the high school library and an inportant part of the **GRIFFITH HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL** program.

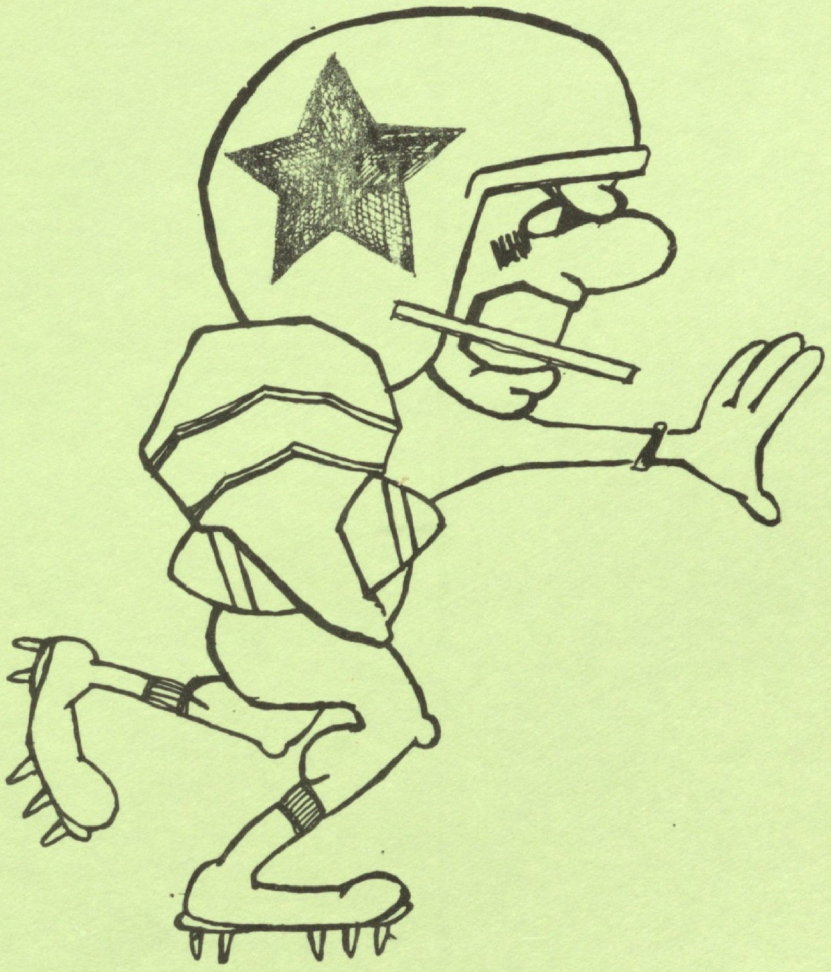
The coaching staff was really ready to start this season immediately after the loss to Bishop Noll in 1989. We felt that this team would be a good one - and we were not wrong. Granted, we did not win the conference. But we knew that Lake Central was returning with a huge team (I don't think anyone in this area would argue that L.C. was as good a team in our conference as anyone has seen in many a year), and that Crown Point would have a good team. These were the two teams that we lost to (and we could have beaten C.P. but we didn't get the breaks). We played very well in the regular season. A record of 6-2 is very good especially considering that we are a 3-A team playing against 4-A and 5-A teams and that our 2 losses were to 5-A teams. As we started the play-offs, we were felt that we had as good a chance to win the sectional championship as anyone in the sectional. We played well in the Benton Central game, better in the Noll game and very well in the Gavit game. As the end of the Gavit game, we were the **1990 SECTIONAL 17 CHAMPIONS.** I will never the feeling of being on the field as the stands emptied and all of the fans came onto the field the help celebrate the championship. We faced a very good South Bend St. Joseph's team in the regional game and as fate would have it, played one of our worst games of the year. No matter what we tried, it didn't work. The result was that we ended our season with that game. It is such a shame to end your season on a loss, but only one team in each division ends their season with a win--the state champions. We had a very good season and accomplished a feat that only two other teams in the school's history did - win the sectional.

So to the **1990 GRIFFITH HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM,** thank you for the memories. I am so glad and happy to have been a part of this team. I hope that the accomplishments of this team will serve as an example to the young men who can become a part of **GRIFFITH FOOTBALL.** You can play with and beat the bigger schools. You can win the sectional championship. But, only with hard work and some luck, and you being part of the whole picture.

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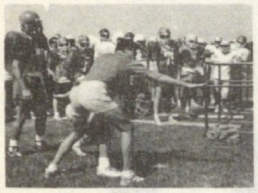


WISHBONE SCHOOL

Be the best you can be!

SUMMER WISHBONE CAMP

Master the Fundamentals



The goal of the N.I.U. Wishbone School is to teach each participant the intricacies of the Wishbone Offense. Each coach will concentrate on the little things that will help you to become a better football player. Instruction on the Triple Option Play with its variations will be the emphasis in this school. Practice sessions will be organized to maximize participation. Practice is broken down into individual, group, half-line and team settings. Triple Option, Double Option, Counter Dive, Crossbuck, along with Play Action Pass and Sprint Pass will be taught in this four day school.

Who's Eligible?

The school is designed for boys aged 10 to 17, offering specific programs for each age group. High school graduates are not eligible to participate.

Location, Housing, and Meals

The school will be conducted on the Northern Illinois University campus in DeKalb, Illinois. Campers will be housed in university residence halls, supervised by camp staff and instructors.

The resident camper's fee includes room and board (starting with the evening meal after you check in on June 21), instruction, use of athletic equipment and facilities, insurance, and many special features. The day camper's fee includes lunch and dinner each day and all the features offered to the resident camper with the exception of overnight lodging and breakfast. For additional information about school facilities and services, call Jay Schaake, (815) 753-1825.

Wishbone School participants will check in at Grant North Residence Hall on Wednesday, June 22, from 1-3 p.m.

What to Bring

Football shoes (grass), sneakers (turf), shorts, supporter, t-shirt, football jersey, linen (pillow, sheets, blanket), towel and toileteries, swimsuit and sunscreen.

Helmets and shoulder pads are available, but campers are urged to bring their own.

Talk of the Day & Huddle Sessions

In addition to instruction and practice there will be presentations of the following topics: Leadership, Team Concepts, Goal Setting, Drug and Alcohol Awareness, Player/Coach Relationships, and N.C.A.A. Academic Requirements. It is our intention to motivate you to be the best you can be. "We are not only dedicated to making N.I.U. Athletics great, but also to being a positive influence on the young men of today."

Head Coach Jerry Pettibone

Daily Schedule

7:00 a.m.	Wake Up
7:00-9:00 a.m.	Breakfast
9:30-11:00 a.m.	Practice (Individual, Group & Team)
11:00-11:30 a.m.	Huddle Session
12:00-1:00 p.m.	Lunch
2:00-2:30 p.m.	Film Session/Individual Position Meetings
4:00-4:30 p.m.	Huddle Session
5:00-6:00 p.m.	Dinner
7:00-8:30 p.m.	Passing Practice
8:30-9:30 p.m.	Talk of the Day
10:30 p.m	Lights Out

Reasonable Cost

The registration fee covers all instruction, meals, housing, insurance, camp t-shirt, certificates, and presentations by special guests. Your fee must accompany the application form. It may be paid by check, money order, VISA, or MASTERCARD. An 80 percent refund will be made if notification of cancellation is received two weeks before the start of camp. Cancellation after this date will result in a $50 administrative fee.

Discounts

Returning campers or groups of five or more applicants (when forms are submitted in same envelope) are eligible for discounts. See attached registration form for details.

Registration Is Easy!

Applications are being accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis, with camp enrollment limited to 300. Telephone registration can be completed by calling (815) 753-0277. Complete the application form and send with payment to:

Northern Illinois University
Summer Wishbone School
Adams Hall 131
DeKalb, Illinois 60115-2854

The Staff

Head Coach Jerry Pettibone has the program at N.I.U. on a very solid foundation. The veteran coach has been recognized as the number one recruiter in the country. Coach Pettibone has coached the Wishbone Offense for 11 years, winning 6 Big Eight Titles and Two National Championships while he was an assistant at Oklahoma.

"I firmly believe that the Wishbone Offense is the premier offense not only for us at N.I.U., but for all college and high school football teams. If executed precisely, the Wishbone gives you a tremendous opportunity to be successful."

Head Coach Jerry Pettibone



LaVern Pottinger



Phil Davis



Sammy Steinmark

Special Guests

Mike Rude
Head Coach
Marion High School
Marion, Illinois

Mike Buck
Head Coach
Cary-Grove High School
Cary-Grove, Illinois

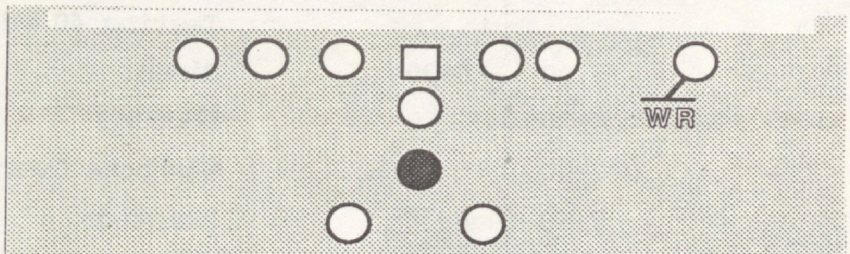
Keith Hensler
Head Coach
Mukwonago High School
Mukwonago, Wisconsin

Phil Davis
Quarterback Coach
Arkansas State University

Sammy Steinmark
Receivers Coach
Air Force Academy
Colorado Springs, Colorado

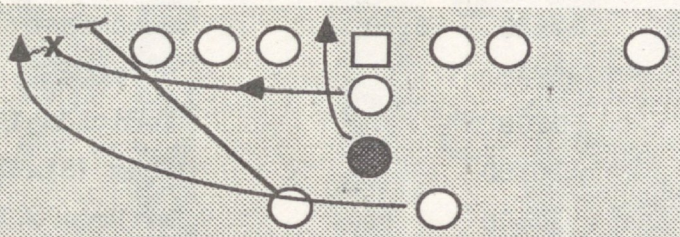
LaVern Pottinger
Head Coach
Belvidere High School
Belvidere, Illinois

Tom Kingsford
Head Coach
Highland High School
Salt Lake City, Utah



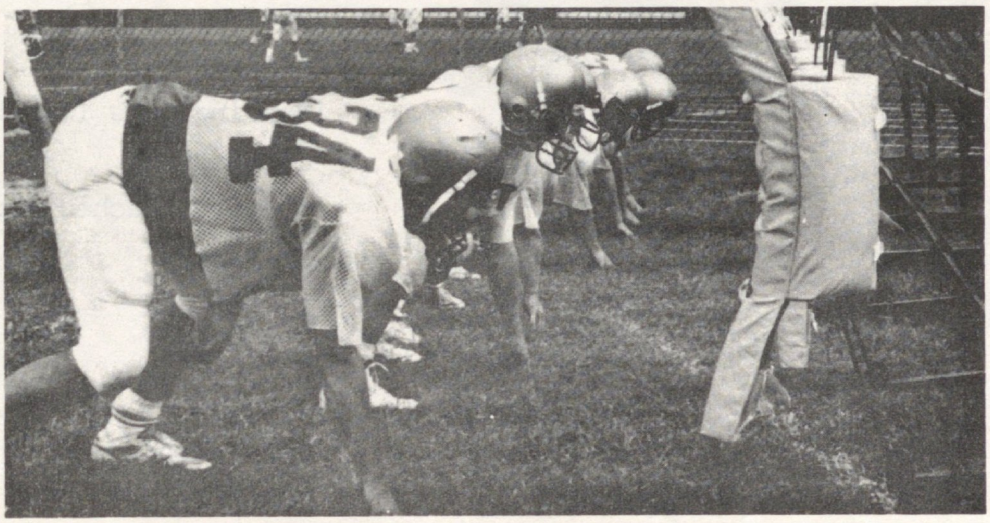
Basic Wishbone Formation

There is only one wide receiver (WR) which tends to eliminate many passing options. The fullback (●) is behind the quarterback with two halfbacks. In a normal pro-set formation, the fullback would be replaced by another wide receiver.



Basic Wishbone Play

The quarterback either hands off to the fullback, who would go on a dive up the middle, or keeps the ball and sprints for the outside. One halfback goes up and blocks, while the other halfback runs behind the quarterback. The moment of truth is at the line (**X**). If the quarterback still has the ball, he will either pitch it to the trailing halfback or keep it and run.



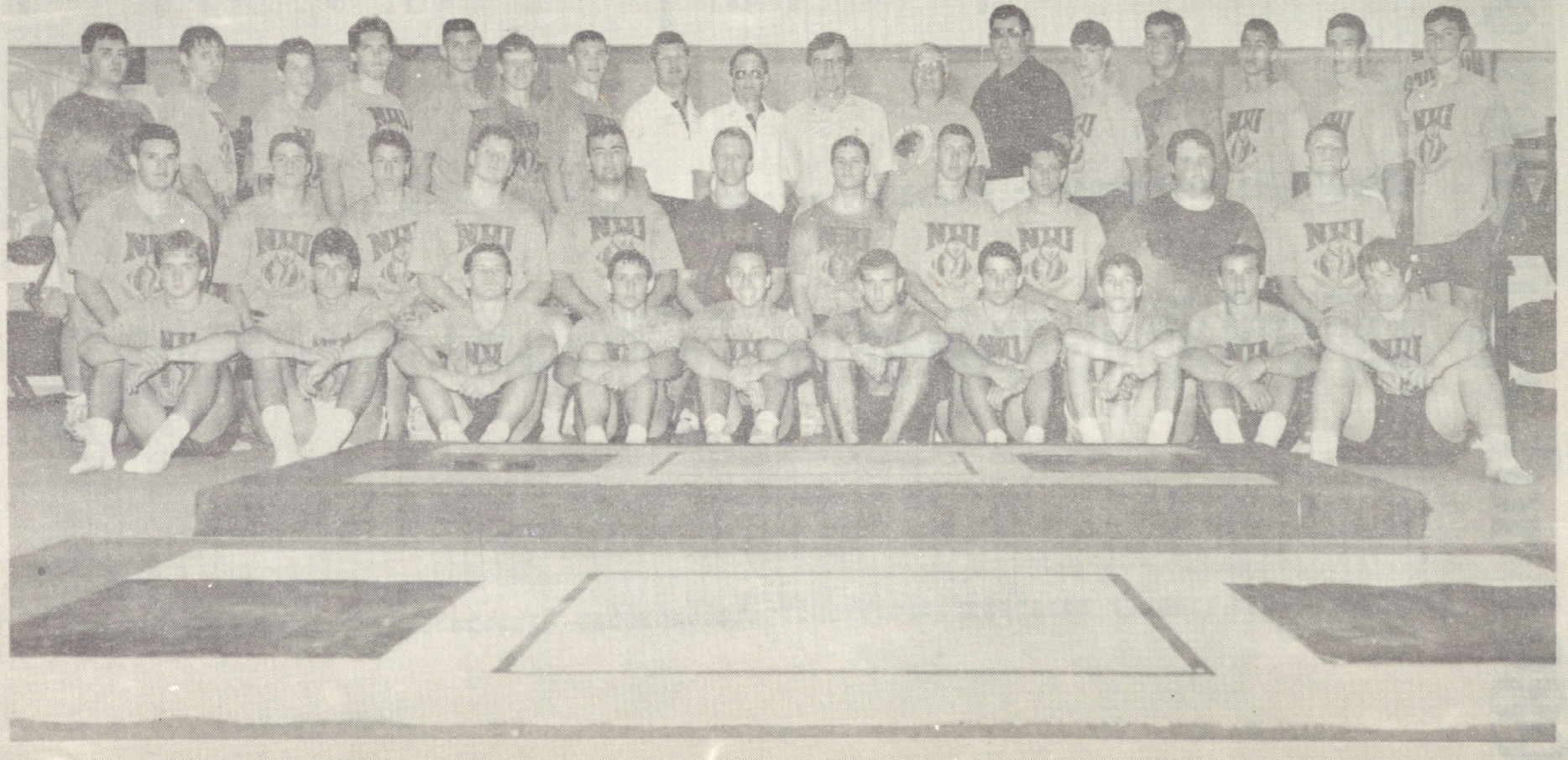
Varsity football players getting in some sled practice in preparation of their upcoming season.

WISHBONE CAMP SCHEDULE

DAY	TIME	EVENT
Thursday	12:30 - 3:00	Registration
	3:00 - 5:00	Orientation Stadium
		FBI - Drug Awareness
		Picture
		Testing 40 yd. Dash/Vertical Jump
	5:00 - 6:30	Dinner
	6:30	Lecture
	7:00	Wishbone Overview
	7:30 - 8:30	Practice
		(Individual)
	9:00	Snacks & Coaches Corner
	10:00	In Rooms
	10:30	Lights Out
Friday &	7:30 - 8:30	Breakfast
Saturday	8:45	Stretch
	9:00	Individual
	10:00	Team (Stations)
	11:00	WT Room / Lineman Film
	11:30 - 1:45	Lunch
	2:00	Meetings
	2:20	Stretch
	2:30	Individual
	3:30	Team (Stations)
	5:00 - 6:30	Dinner
	6:30	Lecture
	7:00	Passing Game (Turf)
	7:30 - 8:30	Lineman WTS.
	9:00	Snaks & Coaches Corner
	10:00	In Room
	10:30	Lights Out
Sunday	7:30 - 8:30	Breakfast
	8:45	Practice
	9:30	Evaluations
	10:00	Check Out
	11:00	Banquet

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Team offensive rankings for 1989

REGULAR SEASON FINAL

Area high school football leaders based on statistics supplied to the Post-Tribune; final regular-season eight-game averages, 33 teams eligible:

OFFENSE

Rushing offense

1, North Judson	253.4
2, LaPorte	247.6
3, Hobart	234.0
4, Gary Wallace	225.6
5, Griffith	217.0
6, River Forest	212.4
7, Crown Point	189.6
8, Merrillville	187.0
9, Lake Central	180.5
10, Whiting	171.4
11, East Chicago	161.0
12, Hammond	144.6
13, Rensselaer	132.9
14, North Newton	127.4
15, Valparaiso	125.8
16, Hammond Noll	120.5
17, Hammond Gavit	117.6
18, Munster	115.4
19, Gary West	108.1
20, Portage	106.4
21, Highland	101.9
22, Gary Roosevelt	100.1
23, Lake Station	99.6
24, MC Rogers	95.5
25, Gary Mann	94.6
26, Hammond Morton	92.0
27, Gary Wirt	89.5
28, Chesterton	81.5
29, Hammond Clark	77.3
30, Kankakee Valley	60.8
31, Andrean	42.8
32, Calumet	31.5
33, Lowell	28.0

Passing offense

1, Hammond Noll	188.3
2, Portage	173.5
3, MC Rogers	135.8
4, Andrean	129.3
5, Whiting	123.0
6, Lowell	112.1
7, Highland	105.9
8, Hammond Morton	99.5
9, Kankakee Valley	96.8
10, Gary West	96.6
11, Hammond	96.4
12, East Chicago	93.4
13, Hammond Gavit	92.4
14, LaPorte	86.4
15, North Newton	77.6
16, Valparaiso	76.5
17, Chesterton	76.4
18, Merrillville	63.4
19, Munster	63.1
20, Hobart	62.4
21, Crown Point	60.0
22, North Judson	59.6
23, Lake Station	57.4
24, Gary Wirt	56.1
24, Griffith	56.1
26, Lake Central	53.1
27, Gary Mann	52.5
28, Gary Wallace	50.5
29, Calumet	44.0
30, Hammond Clark	35.0
31, Rensselaer	31.8
32, River Forest	19.4
33, Gary Roosevelt	14.3

Total offense

1, LaPorte	334.0
2, North Judson	313.0
3, Hammond Noll	308.8
4, Hobart	296.4
5, Whiting	294.4
6, Portage	279.9
7, Gary Wallace	276.1
8, Griffith	273.1
9, East Chicago	254.4
10, Merrillville	250.4
11, Crown Point	249.6
12, Hammond	241.0
13, Lake Central	233.6
14, River Forest	231.8
15, MC Rogers	231.3
16, Hammond Gavit	210.0
17, Highland	207.8
18, Gary West	204.7
19, Valparaiso	202.3
20, North Newton	192.5
21, Hammond Morton	191.5
22, Munster	178.5
23, Andrean	172.0
24, Rensselaer	164.6
25, Chesterton	157.9
26, Kankakee Valley	157.5
27, Lake Station	157.0
28, Gary Mann	147.1
29, Gary Wirt	145.6
30, Lowell	140.1
31, Gary Roosevelt	114.4
32, Hammond Clark	112.3
33, Calumet	75.5

Scoring offense

1, Griffith	33.1
2, Gary Wallace	29.1
3, Hammond Noll	28.8
4, Hobart	26.3
5, LaPorte	26.1
6, Whiting	26.0
7, North Judson	23.9
8, Hammond	23.5
9, Valparaiso	19.8
10, East Chicago	18.9
10, River Forest	18.9
12, Portage	18.6
13, Merrillville	18.3
14, Crown Point	17.6
15, Hammond Morton	16.8
16, Highland	16.3
17, North Newton	15.8
18, Gary West	15.0
18, Lake Central	15.0
20, Andrean	14.9
21, Munster	14.4
22, Hammond Gavit	13.8
23, MC Rogers	13.1
24, Rensselaer	10.4
25, Chesterton	9.1
26, Gary Wirt	8.8
27, Kankakee Valley	7.4
27, Lowell	7.4
29, Lake Station	6.9
30, Hammond Clark	5.9
31, Gary Roosevelt	5.4
32, Gary Mann	5.3
33, Calumet	4.4

QUARTER BY QUARTER

OFFENSE

First quarter

1, North Newton	7.5
2, Griffith	7.3
3, LaPorte	7.0
4, Gary West	6.6
5, Hobart	6.4
6, Hammond Morton	5.9
7, Gary Wallace	5.8
8, Whiting	5.5
9, Lake Central	5.1
9, Valparaiso	5.1
11, Hammond	4.4
11, Kankakee Valley	4.4
13, Crown Point	4.1
14, Hammond Gavit	4.0
15, Merrillville	3.9
15, Rensselaer	3.9
17, Portage	3.8
18, Highland	3.6
19, Hammond Noll	3.0
20, Munster	2.6
21, Lowell	2.4
22, Andrean	1.8
22, East Chicago	1.8
24, Chesterton	1.6
25, Gary Wirt	1.5
26, Gary Mann	1.3
27, Gary Roosevelt	1.0
28, North Judson	0.9
28, River Forest	0.9
30, Hammond Clark	0.8
30, MC Rogers	0.8
30, Lake Station	0.8
33, Calumet	0.0

Second quarter

1, North Judson	10.8
2, LaPorte	10.5
3, Griffith	8.8
4, Hammond Noll	8.4
4, Whiting	8.4
6, Portage	8.1
7, Hammond	7.8
8, Hobart	7.3
9, Valparaiso	6.5
10, Merrillville	6.4
11, Gary Wallace	6.0
12, East Chicago	5.9
13, Hammond Gavit	5.8
14, River Forest	5.3
15, Hammond Morton	4.6
16, MC Rogers	4.3
17, Rensselaer	4.0
18, Gary West	3.6
18, Lake Central	3.6
20, Lowell	3.5
20, Lake Station	3.5
22, North Newton	3.1
23, Munster	2.9
24, Andrean	2.6
25, Chesterton	2.5
25, Highland	2.5
27, Gary Roosevelt	2.4
28, Gary Wirt	2.3
29, Crown Point	1.8
30, Gary Mann	1.5
31, Calumet	1.0
31, Hammond Clark	1.0
33, Kankakee Valley	0.8

Third quarter

1, Gary Wallace	9.3
2, Griffith	8.8
3, Crown Point	7.8
4, Hammond	7.6
5, North Judson	7.1
6, Hobart	7.0
7, River Forest	5.9
8, East Chicago	5.4
9, Hammond Noll	5.1
9, Whiting	5.1
11, Highland	4.6
11, Valparaiso	4.6
13, Merrillville	4.3
14, LaPorte	3.5
15, MC Rogers	3.4
15, Portage	3.4
17, Andrean	3.3
17, Munster	3.3
19, Gary West	2.9
20, Hammond Gavit	2.4
21, Lake Central	2.0
22, Hammond Morton	1.8
23, North Newton	1.6
24, Calumet	1.5
24, Lowell	1.5
26, Kankakee Valley	1.3
27, Hammond Clark	1.0
28, Lake Station	0.9
29, Chesterton	0.8
29, Gary Wirt	0.8
29, Rensselaer	0.8
32, Gary Mann	0.3
33, Gary Roosevelt	0.0

Fourth quarter

1, Hammond Noll	12.3
2, Griffith	8.4
3, Andrean	7.3
3, Gary Wallace	7.3
5, Whiting	7.0
6, River Forest	6.9
7, Hobart	5.6
8, LaPorte	5.1
8, North Judson	5.1
10, East Chicago	5.0
11, MC Rogers	4.8
12, Highland	4.6
13, Hammond Morton	4.5
14, Chesterton	4.3
14, Gary Wirt	4.3
14, Lake Central	4.3
17, Munster	4.1
18, Crown Point	4.0
19, Hammond	3.8
19, Merrillville	3.8
21, North Newton	3.5
22, Portage	3.4
23, Valparaiso	3.1
24, Gary Mann	2.3
25, Gary Roosevelt	2.0
26, Calumet	1.9
27, Gary West	1.8
27, Rensselaer	1.8
27, Lake Station	1.8
30, Hammond Gavit	1.6
31, Hammond Clark	1.5
32, Kankakee Valley	1.0
33, Lowell	0.0

Team defensive rankings for 1989

REGULAR SEASON FINAL

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DEFENSE

Rushing defense

1, Gary Wallace 38.0
2, Hammond 50.1
3, Griffith 68.4
4, Hobart 69.4
5, North Judson 73.5
6, Lake Central 81.6
7, Merrillville 82.3
8, Gary Mann 98.4
9, Hammond Gavit 103.0
10, Valparaiso 103.4
11, Crown Point 105.3
12, Gary West 106.1
13, Munster 121.9
14, Hammond Noll 124.8
15, Calumet 124.9
16, Portage 133.0
17, Hammond Morton 136.4
18, Gary Roosevelt 136.9
19, Gary Wirt 139.8
20, Highland 147.1
21, Andrean 148.5
22, River Forest 152.4
23, Rensselaer 152.6
24, Lowell 157.0
25, LaPorte 162.0
26, North Newton 172.6
27, Lake Station 176.1
28, Kankakee Valley 177.4
29, Hammond Clark 181.0
30, Whiting 185.1
31, MC Rogers 188.3
32, East Chicago 209.5
33, Chesterton 230.6

Passing defense

1, Whiting 43.5
2, Gary West 52.3
3, Lowell 53.3
4, Griffith 54.8
5, North Newton 62.6
6, Hammond Morton 64.9
7, Calumet 66.5
8, Crown Point 68.1
9, Valparaiso 70.6
10, Kankakee Valley 70.8
11, Gary Mann 72.3
11, MC Rogers 72.3
11, Munster 72.3
14, Hammond 72.5
15, Gary Wallace 73.4
16, Portage 76.4
17, Gary Roosevelt 76.7
18, North Judson 77.6
19, Gary Wirt 82.4
20, Lake Station 82.9
21, River Forest 85.3
22, Lake Central 87.0
23, Hobart 90.5
24, LaPorte 91.8
25, Merrillville 95.3
26, East Chicago 96.0
27, Highland 96.8
28, Hammond Clark 99.0
29, Rensselaer 100.9
30, Andrean 107.3
31, Hammond Gavit 107.8
32, Hammond Noll 127.3
33, Chesterton 136.1

Total defense

1, Gary Wallace 111.4
2, Hammond 122.6
3, Griffith 123.1
4, North Judson 150.8
5, Gary West 158.4
6, Hobart 159.9
7, Lake Central 168.6
8, Gary Mann 170.6
9, Crown Point 173.4
10, Merrillville 177.5
11, Valparaiso 179.6
12, Calumet 191.4
13, Munster 194.1
14, Hammond Morton 204.6
15, Portage 209.4
16, Lowell 210.3
17, Hammond Gavit 210.8
18, Gary Roosevelt 213.6
19, Gary Wirt 222.1
20, Whiting 228.6
21, North Newton 235.3
22, River Forest 237.6
23, Highland 243.9
24, Kankakee Valley 248.1
25, Hammond Noll 251.6
26, Rensselaer 253.5
27, LaPorte 253.8
28, Andrean 255.8
29, Lake Station 259.0
30, MC Rogers 260.5
31, Hammond Clark 280.0
32, East Chicago 305.5
33, Chesterton 366.8

Scoring defense

1, Griffith 3.8
2, Hobart 6.1
3, Gary Wallace 6.6
4, North Judson 7.0
5, Gary West 9.6
5, Hammond 9.6
7, Merrillville 9.9
8, Munster 10.1
9, Crown Point 10.5
10, Lake Central 11.1
11, Portage 13.3
12, Hammond Morton 13.5
12, Valparaiso 13.5
14, Hammond Noll 13.8
15, Whiting 15.1
16, North Newton 15.5
17, River Forest 16.9
18, Lake Station 18.0
19, Gary Roosevelt 18.7
20, Gary Mann 18.9
21, Lowell 19.0
22, Highland 19.1
23, Hammond Gavit 19.4
24, Andrean 19.8
25, LaPorte 21.1
26, MC Rogers 21.4
27, Gary Wirt 21.5
28, Rensselaer 21.6
29, East Chicago 22.6
30, Kankakee Valley 23.3
31, Calumet 23.4
32, Hammond Clark 31.1
33, Chesterton 35.0

QUARTER BY QUARTER

DEFENSE

First quarter

1, Griffith 0.0
1, Hobart 0.0
1, Whiting 0.0
4, North Judson 0.8
5, Crown Point 0.9
5, Gary Wallace 0.9
7, Merrillville 1.6
7, Portage 1.6
9, Hammond 1.8
10, Gary West 1.9
11, Lake Central 2.1
11, Munster 2.1
13, Hammond Morton 2.5
14, Hammond Noll 2.6
14, LaPorte 2.6
14, North Newton 2.6
17, Hammond Gavit 3.0
18, Kankakee Valley 3.1
19, Valparaiso 3.3
20, MC Rogers 3.8
21, East Chicago 4.1
22, Gary Mann 4.7
23, Andrean 5.0
24, Lowell 5.1
24, River Forest 5.1
26, Rensselaer 5.5
27, Calumet 5.9
28, Gary Roosevelt 6.0
29, Highland 6.4
30, Lake Station 6.5
31, Gary Wirt 7.1
32, Hammond Clark 7.3
33, Chesterton 10.8

Second quarter

1, Griffith 0.4
2, North Judson 0.8
3, Gary Wallace 1.1
3, Lake Central 1.1
5, Hobart 1.3
6, Hammond Noll 1.8
6, Munster 1.8
8, Hammond Morton 2.6
8, Merrillville 2.6
10, Gary Wirt 3.3
11, Lake Station 3.4
12, Gary West 3.9
13, Lowell 4.0
14, Gary Mann 4.1
14, Valparaiso 4.1
16, Hammond 4.4
17, Crown Point 4.6
18, East Chicago 4.8
19, Andrean 4.9
20, Hammond Gavit 5.3
20, Portage 5.3
22, Highland 5.8
22, North Newton 5.8
24, Gary Roosevelt 5.9
25, LaPorte 6.0
25, River Forest 6.0
27, MC Rogers 6.4
28, Whiting 6.9
29, Calumet 8.1
30, Rensselaer 8.5
31, Kankakee Valley 10.3
32, Chesterton 11.4
33, Hammond Clark 12.0

Third quarter

1, Hammond 0.0
2, Griffith 0.9
3, Gary Wallace 1.1
3, Gary West 1.1
5, Gary Mann 1.3
5, Munster 1.3
7, North Judson 1.5
8, North Newton 1.6
9, Valparaiso 1.8
10, Portage 2.0
11, River Forest 2.1
12, Hobart 2.4
12, Merrillville 2.4
14, Gary Roosevelt 3.3
15, Crown Point 3.4
16, Rensselaer 3.6
17, Highland 3.8
17, Lake Station 3.8
19, Lake Central 3.9
20, Hammond Noll 4.3
21, Hammond Gavit 4.8
22, MC Rogers 4.9
22, Whiting 4.9
24, Gary Wirt 5.0
25, Hammond Morton 5.1
26, Andrean 5.3
27, Calumet 5.8
27, East Chicago 5.8
27, Hammond Clark 5.8
30, Lowell 5.9
31, Kankakee Valley 6.5
32, LaPorte 7.0
33, Chesterton 7.8

Fourth quarter

1, Crown Point 1.6
2, Lake Central 2.4
3, Griffith 2.5
3, Hobart 2.5
5, Gary West 2.7
6, Hammond 2.8
7, Hammond Morton 3.3
7, Highland 3.3
7, Merrillville 3.3
10, Kankakee Valley 3.4
10, Whiting 3.4
12, Gary Wallace 3.5
13, Calumet 3.6
13, Gary Roosevelt 3.6
13, Rensselaer 3.6
13, River Forest 3.6
17, Andrean 3.8
18, Lowell 4.0
18, North Judson 4.0
20, Munster 4.1
21, Portage 4.4
21, Valparaiso 4.4
21, Lake Station 4.4
24, Hammond Clark 4.6
25, Chesterton 5.1
25, Hammond Noll 5.1
25, LaPorte 5.1
28, North Newton 5.5
29, Gary Wirt 6.1
30, Hammond Gavit 6.4
30, MC Rogers 6.4
32, Gary Mann 6.9
33, East Chicago 8.0

GRIFFITH PANTHERS

Thornton challenges squad to go the extra step

GRIFFITH – Griffith is hoping the third time really is the charm.

After reaching the IHSAA Class 3A sectional championship game the past two years only to come up short both times, Les Thornton is challenging his football program to take it one step further in 1990.

What could top last year's 10-1 finish, a season that saw the Panthers end up fifth in the final Associated Press Class 3A prep poll?

"Win the state, huh?" the veteran coach of 16 years said. "We only lost to the state champs (Bishop Noll) by one touchdown. What our goal will be is to defend our Lake Suburban Conference championship and be competitive in the conference.

"We also have a higher goal. We want to win the sectional. Get that sectional. The last two years we lost to Hammond and we lost to Noll the final game of the sectional. We look for a really good year."

Save for some question marks on the offensive line and in the linebacking corps, Thornton says he's confident his team can be serious contenders for both the LSC and sectional titles.

"We've got a little size, for us," he said. "We're up a little bit in numbers. Our sophomores were undefeated last year as freshmen and our juniors were undefeated when they were freshmen. So we've got some kids who have won.

"We have some experienced linemen back from last year's team. We have good overall team speed. We think we're in pretty good shape at quarterback and fullback and in our halfback positions.

"We have a punter that's really good, potentially. I think we'll be adequate at placekicking, maybe better than adequate."

As is usually the case with Griffith's wishbone offense, Thornton expects the Panthers to score some points.

Leading the way will be Alex Djukic at quarterback and Don Wasserman as his backup. The backfield is solid, led by fullback Nick Mathews and halfbacks Tim Garvey, Clint Lamb and Bill Polites.

Both Mathews and Garvey, the team's second-leading scorer in 1989, gained more than 300 yards apiece in rushing as juniors. Garvey, though, had surgery in May to remove bone chips from his knee.

Thornton also points to Daryl Lopez at center, Joe Reitz and Jason Anderson at guard, Nick Vittorio at tackle and Jim Crosek at split end.

The kicking game Thornton spoke highly of is anchored by punter John Verbich and placekicker Scott Sutton.

Defensively, a number of Panthers will see action both ways. Djukic is looking strong as a safety, Thornton said, but he'd rather use him solely as a QB. "An intelligent player," according to the coach, Djukic currently ranks sixth in his senior class.

Mathews, Polites, Bell and Crosek are penciled in as linebackers.

Lamb will go as a defensive back. Dave Comer, Sutton and Verbich are listed as tackles. And Vittorio returns as a defensive end.

"Right now I don't see any blue-chippers or a few blue-chippers, but I see a lot of good kids," Thornton said.

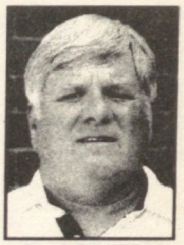
As far as the Lake Suburban Conference race is concerned, Thornton said, Lake Central and Crown Point will go in as the top contenders. He added, though, nothing will come easy, as schools like Calumet and Lowell – league doormats for most of the 1980s – have finally turned the corner.

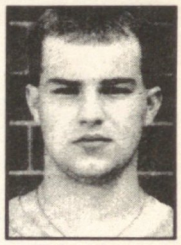
And from there, he sees his Panthers and defending state champion Bishop Noll as the favorites to play for the sectional crown in Class 3A.

"Our seniors have a real good attitude and they know how to win and have won," said Thornton.

"But you see they didn't win that big one, the sectional, the last two years.

"It's just a matter of the juniors and sophomores – if our juniors do the job and we get some help from our sophomores."

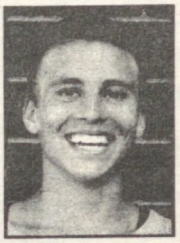

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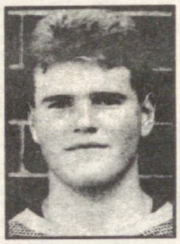
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Fri., Sept. 7	*at Munster
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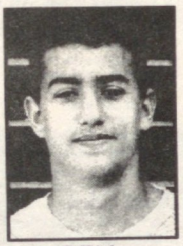
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All games begin at 7:30 p.m.


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ENDS – Mike Bell, 6-1, 162, Sr.; Jim Bogner, 6-0, 147, Jr.; Jim Crosek, 6-2, 165, Sr.; Jeff Harder, 6-3, 206, Sr.; Mike Hernandez, 5-9, 138, Jr.; Donnie Higgins, 5-10, 162, Jr.; Mitch Maciszak, 5-10, 143, Sr.; Jack Massa, 5-10, 141, Sr.; Neil Milkunak, 6-3, 215, Jr.; Steve Mitchuson, 6-4, 186, Jr.; Alan Sutkokwski, 6-2, 155, So.

TACKLES – Jason Anderson, 5-10, 181, Sr.; James Sanchez, 6-2, 224, So.; Adam Smith, 6-5, 253, So.; John Verbich, 6-0, 225, Sr.; Nick Vittorio, 6-2, 187, Sr.

GUARDS/LINEBACKERS – Jay Hackworth, 5-10, 185, Jr.; Rick Jerome, 5-10, 178, Jr.; Joe Reitz, 6-0, 187, Sr.; Jason Reyome, 5-11, 165, Sr.; Mike Serratore, 5-11, 180, Jr.; Scott Sutton, 5-10, 196, Jr.; Andy Wroblewski, 5-10, 159, Jr.

CENTERS – Rick Burks, 6-1, 176, Jr.; Dave Comer, 6-1, 207, Sr.; Daryl Lopez, 5-11, 205, Sr.

QUARTERBACKS – Alex Djukic, 6-1, 161, Sr.; Scott Sherry, 6-0, 166, So.; Don Wasserman, 5-10, 160, Jr.

BACKS – Russ Dewes, 5-10, 161, Jr.; Tim Garvey, 5-8, 153, Sr.; Keith Harwood, 5-11, 165, Sr.; Clint Lamb, 5-11, 164, Sr.; Scott Leslie, 5-6, 159, Jr.; Todd Leslie, 5-6, 162, Jr.; Nick Mathews, 6-2, 192, Sr.; Jerry Murdock, 5-8, 150, Jr.; Bill Polites, 5-9, 175, Sr.; Eric Schreiber, 5-8, 160, Jr.; Mike Worosz, 6-1, 163, Sr.

1990 SECTIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

Class 5A

1 – Crown Point, East Chicago Central, Gary Roosevelt, Lew Wallace, West Side, Hammond, Lake Central, Merrillville

2 – Chesterton, LaPorte, Michigan City Rogers, Mishawaka, Portage, South Bend LaSalle, South Bend Riley, Valparaiso

3 – Elkhart Central, Elkhart Memorial, Ft. Wayne Northrop, Ft. Wayne North, Ft. Wayne Snider, Ft. Wayne Wayne, Penn, Warsaw

4 – Anderson Highland, Anderson Madison Heights, Huntington North, Kokomo, Lafayette Jeff, Marion, Muncie Central, Muncie South

5 – Indianapolis Ben Davis, Carmel, Decatur Central, Indianapolis Broad Ripple, Indianapolis Manual, Indianapolis Tech, Indianapolis Washington, Indianapolis North Central

6 – Connersville, Indianapolis Arlington, Indianapolis Howe, Lawrence Central, Lawrence North, New Castle, Richmond, Warren Central

7 – Bloomington South, Center Grove, Columbus North, Martinsville, Perry Meridian, Southport, Terre Haute North, Terre Haute South

8 – Bedford-North Lawrence, Castle, Evansville Central, Evansville Harrison, Jeffersonville, Jennings County, New Albany, Seymour

Class 4A

9 – Andrean, Calumet, Horace Mann, Clark, Morton, Highland, Lowell, Munster

10 – Concord, Wirt, Goshen, Hobart, Michigan City Elston, South Bend Adams, South Bend Clay, South Bend Washington

11 – Columbia City, DeKalb, East Noble, Ft. Wayne Elmhurst, Ft. Wayne South, Homestead, New Haven, Wawasee

12 – Bellmont, Blackford, Harrison (Tippecanoe), Jay County, Logansport, McCutcheon, Peru, Plymouth

13 – Avon, Brownsburg, Franklin Central, Indianapolis Northwest, Lebanon, Noblesville, Indianapolis Pike, Plainfield

14 – Anderson, Delta, East Central, Franklin County, Greenfield, Pendleton Heights, Rushville, Shelbyville

15 – Bloomington North, Columbus East, Franklin, Greenwood, Madison, Mooresville, Northview, South Dearborn

16 – Boonville, Evansville Bosse, Evansville North, Evansville Reitz, Floyd Central, Mt. Vernon (Posey), Vincennes, Washington

Class 3A

17 – Benton Central, Griffith, Gavit, Bishop Noll, Kankakee Valley, Knox, New Prairie, Twin Lakes.

18 – Angola, Culver Military, Lakeland, Northridge, NorthWood, South Bend St. Joseph's, Whitko.

19 – Carroll (Allen), Eastbrook, Ft. Wayne Concordia, Ft. Wayne Dwenger, Ft. Wayne Harding, Mississinewa, Norwell, Wabash.

20 – Crawfordsville, Frankfort, Maconaquah, Madison-Grant, North Montgomery, Northwestern, Tipton, Western.

21 – Beech Grove, Indianapolis Brebeuf, Danville, Indianapolis Cathedral, Indianapolis Chatard, Indianapolis Roncalli, South Vermillion, West Vigo.

22 – Alexandria, Elwood, Hamilton Southeastern, Mt. Vernon (Hancock), New Palestine, Triton Central, Winchester, Yorktown.

23 – Brown County, Edgewood, Greensburg, Indian Creek, Mitchell, Owen Valley, Salem, Whiteland.

24 – Charlestown, Corydon, Jasper, North Harrison, Pike Central, Princeton, Tell City.

(Eds Note: Evansville Memorial, assigned to Class 3A Sectional 24, is ineligible to compete in the 1990 tournament).

Class 2A

25 – Glenn, Lake Station, LaVille, Mishawaka Marian, North Judson, North Newton, Rensselaer, River Forest.

26 – Eastside, Fairfield, Ft. Wayne Luers, Garrett, Heritage, Prairie Heights, West Noble, Woodlan.

27 – Bluffton, Cass, Manchester, Oak Hill, Rochester, Taylor, Tippecanoe Valley, Winamac.

28 – Delphi, Fountain Central, Hamilton Heights, Seeger, Southmont, Western Boone, Westfield, West Lafayette.

29 – Batesville, Cascade, Indianapolis Ritter, Indianapolis Scecina, Lawrenceburg, Speedway, Tri-West, Zionsville.

30 – Cambridge City, Centerville, Frankton, Hagerstown, Knightstown, Northeastern, Shenandoah, Union County

31 – Brownstown, Greencastle, Linton, Monrovia, North Central (Sullivan), North Knox, Paoli, Sullivan.

32 – Clarksville, Clarksville Providence, Evansville Mater Dei, Gibson Southern, Heritage Hills, North Posey, Southridge, South Spencer.

Class 1A

33 – Bremen, Culver, Jimtown, South Central, Triton, West Central, Whiting.

34 – Adams Central, Central Noble, Churubusco, Fremont, Leo, South Adams, Southern Wells.

35 – Carroll (Carroll), Caston, Frontier, North White, Pioneer, South Newton, Tri-County.

36 – Eastern (Howard), Lapel, North Miami, Northfield, Southwood, Tri-Central, Union City, Wes-Del.

37 – Attica, Clinton Central, Clinton Prairie, Covington, Lafayette Catholic, Indianapolis Park Tudor, Sheridan.

38 –Eastern Hancock, Edinburgh, Milan, North Decatur, Indiana Deaf, South Decatur, Tri High.

39 – Cloverdale, North Putnam, North Vermillion, Riverton Parke, Rockville, South Putnam, Turkey Run.

40 – North Daviess, Dugger, Perry Central, Springs Valley, Tecumseh, Western Washington, Wood Memorial.

HIGH SCHOOL
Associated Press poll
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With first-place votes in parentheses, records last year and rating points (360 possible in Class 5A, 340 in 4A, 340 in 3A, 340 in 2A, and 280 in A).

■ Class 5A

1. Carmel	(14)	13-1	175
2. Penn	(2)	13-1	149
3. Ind. Ben Davis		7-3	91
4. F.W. Northrop		8-2	67
5. GARY WALLACE		**11-1**	**62**
6. Castle		10-3	58
7. Elkhart Central		8-2	56
8. Lawrence North		11-1	54
9. VALPARAISO		**9-4**	**43**
10. Ind. Washington		8-1	36

Others with votes: Merrillville 22, F.W. North 21, Ind. North Central 21, Warren Central (1) 18, **Lake Central 14,** Seymour 14, Martinsville 12, Evansville Central (1) 10, Mishawaka 10, F.W. Snider 9, Evansville Harrison 8, Marion 8, Richmond 8, Terre Haute South 6, Southport 4, Ind. Perry Meridian 3, Jeffersonville 3, S.B. Riley 3, **Crown Point 2,** Huntington North 2, **Portage 1.**

■ Class 4A

1. HOBART	**(13)**	**13-1**	**166**
2. Franklin Central	(2)	12-2	136
3. Lafayette Harrison		12-1	112
4. Goshen	(1)	8-1	97
5. DeKalb		10-2	95
6. Evansville Reitz	(1)	9-3	59
7. S.B. Washington		8-2	56
8. Pendleton Heights		8-1	45
9. East Central		10-2	22
10. Mooresville		11-2	18

Others with votes: Vincennes 15, **Andrean 14, Hammond Morton 14,** Bloomington North 12, S.B. Clay 12, Boonville 10, Ind. Pike 8, East Noble 7, Evansville North 6, Noblesville 6, Blackford 4, **Calumet 4,** Evansville Bosse 4, **Munster 4,** Bellmont 3, Brownsburg 3, New Haven 3, Columbus East 2, Homestead 2, Logansport 2, Franklin County 1.

■ Class 3A

1. HAMMOND NOLL	**(9)**	**13-1**	**136**
2. Crawfordsville	(2)	12-1	105
3. Ind. Roncalli	(1)	10-4	86
4. F.W. Dwenger	(2)	10-2	84
5. Tell City	(2)	9-1	77
6. Charlestown		12-1	74
7. Tipton		10-1	69
8. Evansville Memorial		10-1	66
9. GRIFFITH	**(1)**	**10-1**	**65**
10. S.B. St. Joe's		7-3	55

Others with votes: New Palestine 25, Elwood 18, Ind. Cathedral 12, Triton Central 12, NorthWood 10, Western 9, Jasper 8, Mississinewa 8, Carroll (Allen) 3, Ind. Chatard 3, Salem 3, Whitko 3, Hamilton Southeastern 2, Brown County 1, Owen Valley 1.

■ Class 2A

1. F.W. Luers	(11)	12-2	154
2. Tri-West	(4)	13-1	133
3. Western Boone	(1)	11-2	112
4. South Spencer	(1)	10-1	93
5. Frankton		11-1	80
6. Rochester		8-2	55
7. Fairfield		9-2	43
8. Evansville Mater Dei		6-7	42
9. Linton		8-1	40
10. Cass		9-2	37

Others with votes: Monrovia 30, Lawrenceburg 20, Manchester 18, **North Judson 16,** Eastside 12, Heritage Hills 6, North Posey 5, West Noble 5, Ind. Ritter 4, Ind. Scecina 3, West Lafayette 3, Zionsville 3, Eastside 2, North Knox 1, **Rensselaer 1,** Tippecanoe Valley 1.

■ Class A

1. Springs Valley	(5)	13-1	126
2. Bremen	(6)	11-3	99
3. South Decatur	(1)	11-2	93
4. Sheridan	(1)	9-2	88
5. Jimtown		7-3	84
6. South Putnam		9-3	61
7. North Miami		7-3	30
8. Lafayette Catholic		7-5	29
9. Frontier		8-2	27
10. Southwood		7-6	21

Others with votes: North Vermillion 18, Rockville 18, North Putnam (1) 12, Tecumseh 11, South Adams 9, Wes-Del 9, **Whiting 7,** Churubusco 5, Adams Central 4, Attica 4, Tri High 4, Central Noble 3, Tri-County 3, Eastern Hancock 2, Carroll (Carroll) 1, Clinton Central 1.

■ Noll, unranked at the end of last season, was 13-1 with an 11-game winning streak. The Warriors received nine of 17 first-place votes and 136 of 340 rating points to move atop the 3A preseason rankings.

Crawfordsville, which lost to Noll in the semistate, moved up from its fifth-place ranking last year to second, with two first-place votes and 105 rating points. Indianapolis Roncalli, unranked and a 20-14 loser to Noll in the 3A state championship game, was picked third, with one first place vote and 86 points.

Fort Wayne Dwenger had two first-place votes and 84 points for fourth place, and Tell City had two votes for No. 1 and 77 points for fifth. Charlestown, a 3A semistate loser to Roncalli, was picked sixth, followed by Tipton, Evansville Memorial, Griffith and South Bend St. Joseph's. Memorial was ranked No. 1 at the end of last season but was ruled ineligible for this year's tournament by the IHSAA because of violations stemming from payments to athletes by boosters.

POST-TRIBUNE

Griffith:

Will talented nucleus of 19 lettermen drive Panthers south in November?

GRIFFITH — Already, there is talk in the community about Griffith's football team traveling to the Hoosier Dome in Indianapolis this November.

And not to sight-see.

"We have a good nucleus of (19) lettermen back. These kids are winners. They know how to win," said Coach Les Thornton of his Class 3A Sectional 17 runnersup.

The wishbone-minded Panthers finished 10-1, outscoring opponents 31.4 points per game to 6.3.

Offensively, they have fullback Nick Mathews (376 yards), who averaged 6.7 yards a carry and scored three touchdowns. He also is a solid inside linebacker. Tight end Neil Miklusak started both ways last year as a sophomore. He's 6-foot-3 and weighs 215 pounds.

At quarterback is Alex Djukic, an honorable-mention all-conference safety. Don Wasserman and Scott Sherry are the other candidates.

Thornton is six-deep at halfback, with Tim Garvey (386 yards, 6 TDs) as his top returner. He's been slowed by a track injury and is just coming off surgery. Clint Lamb runs a 4.63 in the 40-yard dash and is the other halfback.

Griffith's linemen are mostly senior lettermen. John Verbich, a 225-pound tackle, also punts (31.6 average). If the season began tonight, you'd find Daryl Lopez at center, Jason Anderson and Joe Reitz at guards, Nick Vittorio at a tackle, Eric Schreiber at inside linebacker and Jim Crosek, an outstanding outside linebacker, who was first-team all-conference last year. Mike Bell is the other outside linebacker.

Mike Worosz and Lamb are the cornerbacks. Worosz also has 4.63 speed.

"We feel we have pretty good overall team quickness," said Thornton, entering his 26th season of coaching with a 162-86-1 record. "We've got 17 juniors and all of 'em ran just under 5.2 down to 4.8.

Scott Sutton, who has been a big surprise at defensive tackle, booted five PATs, two field goals and averaged 44.2 yards on kickoffs as a sophomore, but may be pushed by Jerry Murdock and Al Sutkowski, currently the backup punter.

"We had two guys kick 47-yard field goals at practice the other day," said Thornton. "It was without a rush or a line, but that's not bad this early.

"I don't think we really have any superstars on this team. We just have a bunch of pretty decent football players. We won't have the big-play capacity we had last year with (Joe) Sainato and (Mike) Raketich, but overall, we've got a good solid football team. You don't need to have Division I football players on your team to win."



Coach Les Thornton

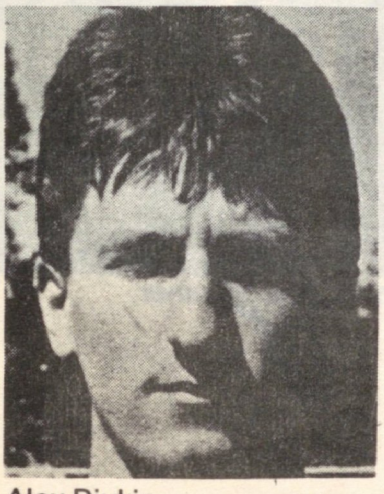
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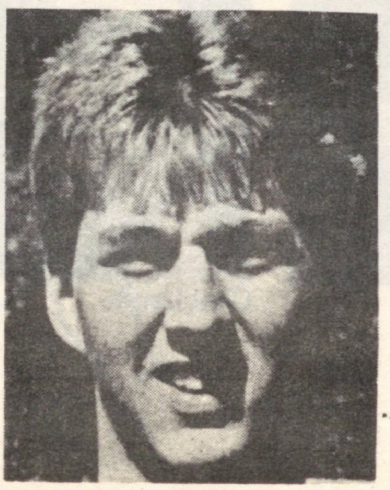
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Last year's record

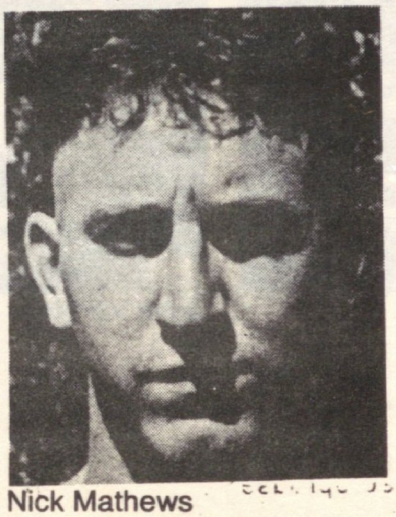
10-1 overall, 6-0 Lake Suburban Conference



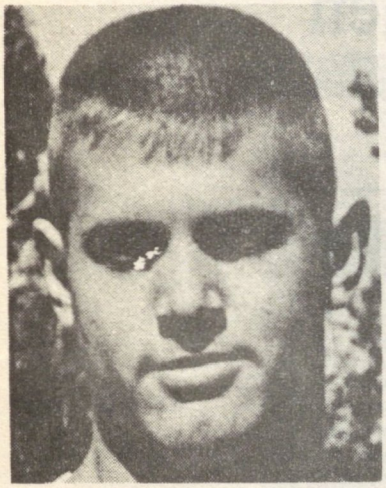
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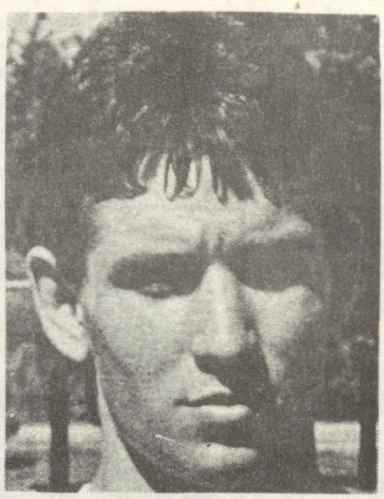
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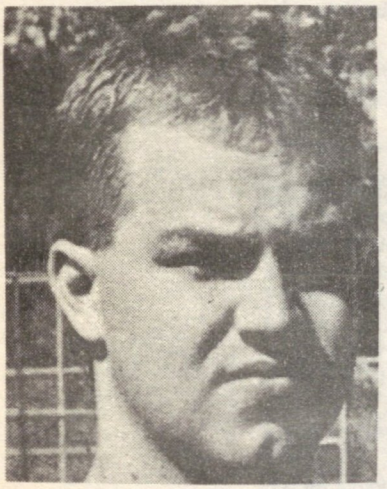
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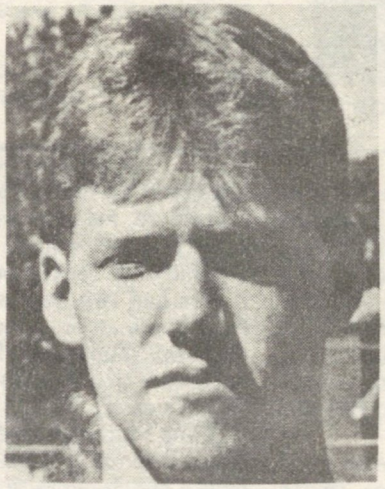
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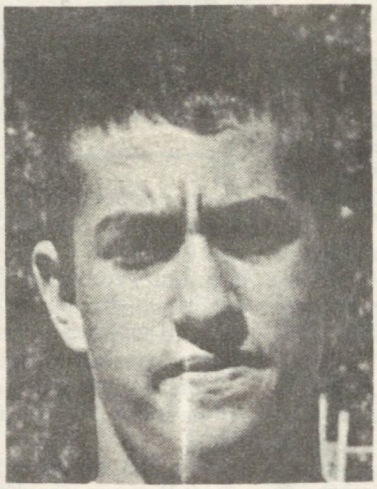
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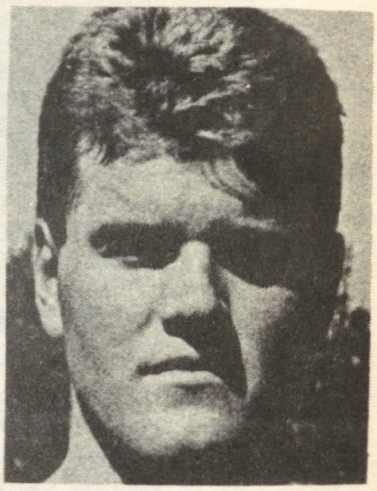
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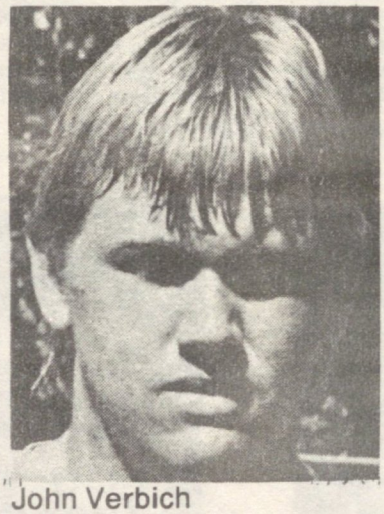
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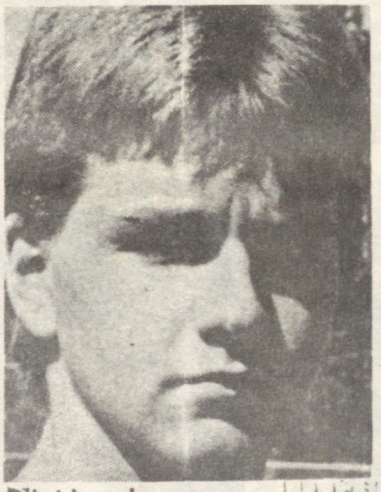
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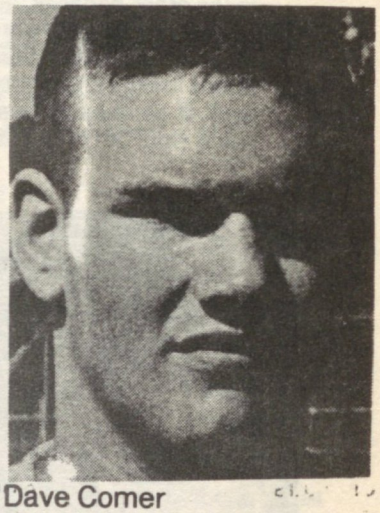
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O I R A M A



Griffith wishbone looks impressive

By Jeff Foss
Correspondent

Lowell Jamboree

LOWELL — If first impressions are a good indication, Griffith should be on its way.

The Panthers looked sharp Friday night at the four-team Lowell football jamboree, downing Calumet 6-0 and Crown Point 7-3 in their two quarters of action.

"Not bad," Griffith coach Les Thornton said of his team's play. "But I don't know what that means.

"My overall impression is that I think we're in good shape now ... about where we would like to be. But we've got a long ways to go, and we've got to get better."

Griffith rushed for 108 yards out of its wishbone offense and collected eight first downs over two quarters. The Panthers also completed 1 of 5 passes for a 54-yard touchdown.

Thornton was pleased with the play of his two quarterbacks, Alex Djukic and junior Don Wasserman.

"We completed only one pass, but the receivers were open," he said. "We've got some good receivers, but they just have to do a better job of coming up with the ball.

"We've got a ways to go with our running backs, too. We didn't execute the option as well as I would like and we missed some blocks. But overall, we're look ready to play."

While Griffith looked ready, Crown Point, Lowell and Calumet still need some work.

Crown Point coach Brad Smith is convinced his team still needs more practice time.

"I wasn't pleased with what I saw out there, not in the least bit," Smith said. "I'm not pleased with any aspect of our game. We need to work on everything, and I'm not joking.

"We showed tonight that we can't block anybody, we can't throw the ball, we can't pass-block, we can't tackle a dive. I didn't see anything good all night.

"But a lot of kids played," he said, "and that's always the main purpose. We got a good chance to take a look at our kids. We've got some inexperienced kids, and some of them played pretty well."

Lowell and Calumet, meanwhile, were held scoreless in two quarters of play.

■ **Crown Point 6, Lowell 0** — Junior quarterback Chip Pettit provided the only score in the first quarter on a one-yard run.

The touchdown was set up by a botched Lowell punt, with the ball being recovered by Crown Point at the Red Devil 15.

Four plays later, on a quarterback sneak, Pettit scored. The extra point was blocked.

Lowell moved the ball on its next possession 50 yards, but failed on a 36-yard field-goal attempt.

■ **Griffith 6, Calumet 0** — On its second possession, Griffith mounted 68-yard drive, capped by a one-yard touchdown run by Djukic with 1:10 left in the second quarter.

The drive covered 11 plays, all on the ground. The conversion attempt failed.

Griffith had 68 yards in total offense to Calumet's 10.

■ **Griffith 7, Crown Point 3** — The Bulldogs scored first on Bill Holcomb's 33-yard field goal at the 1:36 mark.

Griffith, however, answered three plays later with a 54-yard touchdown pass from Wasserman to senior split end Jim Crosek.

The quarter was also highlighted by several fine defensive plays.

■ **Lowell 0, Calumet 0** — The scoreless tie featured two interceptions by Lowell senior Mike Piatt.

Both teams mounted extended drives in the final quarter, however, turnovers kept each out of the end zone.

Calumet turned the ball over twice on interceptions; Lowell lost a fumble.

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Like it or not, o'ramas serve a purpose

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>
> **— Les Thornton**
> Griffith football coach



Thornton

By Al Hamnik
Staff writer

Football o'ramas. A waste of time?

It depends on which high school coach you ask.

"I don't feel we need the o'rama. I don't think it's something we need here at Griffith," said Les Thornton. "But I don't mind it at all, and the reason why is that these kids are ready to get after somebody else besides their own teammates.

"They're ready."

What about the risk of injury during a scrimmage that doesn't even count in the standings?

"I'm always afraid of injuries. Even in practice. I don't care what we're doing," said Thornton, who's never been blessed with great numbers. "So many of the injuries are freakish. So many of them are silly. Guys step into holes. Guys get hurt while doing nothing at all.

"Yes, I'd hate to lose a guy in the o'rama. On the other hand, they need that chance (to compete). They're chomping at the bit.

"You're only playing two quarters," added Thornton, in his 26th year of coaching. "Maybe, as an alternative, you could do away with the o'ramas and add one more game. Or, do away with the o'ramas and just give us more time to prepare for our first regular-season game. But I realize, *now* you're getting back into July almost."

Going head to head against a player whose locker is next to yours benefits nobody on the squad. And for that reason, Thornton is willing to put up with these jamborees.

"Some kids know what their teammates are going to do. Some of them have a pecking order. They intimidate these guys who are across from them," said Thornton. "They get used to what the other guy does.

"But in the o'rama, kids are from other schools. They don't know anything about each other when they line up."

Area o'ramas, or jamborees, are scheduled this Friday and Saturday nights.

"We don't take the o'rama seriously at all, as far as winning. Our concern is how we look, how we execute. My philosophy is to get a good look at those 20 or so players that are going to have to play against our best competition," said Thornton.

"The rest? I can get a look at them in the JV o'rama."

Suppose Thornton had a vote in deciding the fate of all jamborees?

"I'd vote yes for the o'rama, with the exception being if they dropped the o'rama and played a ninth game, because that would give us another gate every other year. And the gate is so important," said Thornton.

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Lowell-Griffith beat CP-Calumet, 13-9

By JOHN BURBRIDGE
Sports Writer

LOWELL — The Lake Suburban Conference O'rama last Friday featured Calumet, Crown Point, Griffith, and hosts the Red Devils of Lowell. But after all was done, it was clear that it was the night of the Panthers.

In the first quarter Crown Point, who represented the visiting team along with Calumet, drew first blood against Lowell. The Bulldogs took advantage of a high snap from a Lowell punt attempt and drove 15 yards to score. Quarterback Chip Petit capped the drive with a one-yard keeper into the endzone.

But Crown Point failed to convert the extra point and the score stood at 6-0 in favor of the visitors.

Then in the second quarter Griffith took the field against Calumet. On the Panthers first possession they moved the ball fairly well on the ground, but Calumet managed to bend and not break as they prevented them from scoring.

However, Griffith's defense didn't bend at all. The Panthers swarmed all over Calumet quarterback Dan Mata as they made substantial penetration into the Warriors' backfield on most every down.

And when they got the ball back, they were not going to denied of pay dirt. The Panthers marched 68 yards for the game's second touchdown. Quarterback Alex Djukic pounded it in from one yard out, but Griffith also missed their conversion and the score remained tied.

The Panther drive was aided by chunks of yardage from running backs Clint Lamb and Nick Matthews. They consistently invaded into the secondary with help of their offensive line who were blowing Calumet off the ball.

Griffith's rushing game was well in tack as they compiled 114 yards in their two quarters, but they were not content in just running with the ball.

In the third quarter the Panthers decided to open it up against Crown Point. Don Wasserman replaced Djukic at quarterback and immediately attempted to connect on several long range passes. His first set at signal caller didn't produce much, but you had to like what he showed you.

Wasserman had graceful poise out of the pocket, and a fluid throwing motion. His first passes barely missed their mark, and it was only a matter of time before the Panthers and Wasserman would bust a big play.

But the Bulldogs struck first in the quarter. They recovered a fumbled punt return and running back Mike Pulido broke a 21-yard run to set up Bill Holcomb's 32-yard field goal with less than two minutes left in the stanza.

Then the Panthers got the big play they were working for. With 40 seconds left in the quarter, Wasserman finally connected with split end Jim Crosek down the left side line for a 54 yard scoring pass play. It gave the home teams a 13-9 advantage.

In the fourth quarter Lowell was faced with the burden of protecting the lead against Calumet. The Warriors threatened early as they advanced the ball from their 34 to the Red Devil 30. The bulk of that movement came from Mata's 21-yard completion to wing back Alex Serrano.

But when Mata went to Serrano again, Lowell defensive back Mike Platt stepped in front of the intended receiver and picked off the pass at the 10. Platt later would intercept another pass intended for Serrano.

Calumet defensive line shreaded the pass blocking of Lowell. But when the Devils decided to hand the ball to senior running back Lee Childress, success came in numbers–big numbers.

Childress rushed for 60 yards in the fourth quarter alone. And his consecutive runs of 18 yards each helped direct his team to the Calumet 10-yard line in the final moments of the game.

However, Lowell wasn't able to add to the lead as the Warriors got tough with their backs to the goal-line. Devil QB Jim Carlson coughed up the football after he was the recipient of a vicious hit from three Calumet defenders who converged on him simultaneously.

It was definitely the 'pop' of the O'rama.

The Warriors then went into a hurry-up offense, but nothing came about and the final score was 13-9 with the home teams the victors.

Lowell And Griffith Team Up To Win

Lowell and Griffith teamed up in this year's Lowell Football O'Rama to defeat Crown Point and Calumet 13-9, thanks to two touchdowns by Griffith.

Lowell Coach Paul Cesaretti was upbeat about his club's performance, however, looking at the positive steps his players took.

"We looked aggressive and went after the ball...the team was really fired up and it showed," he said.

The Red Devil offense really brought a smile to Cesaretti's face as he recounted the way they dominated the clock.

In the first quarter against Crown Point, a bad snap on the first punt of the season resulted in a Bulldog tackle at the Lowell 15, and four plays later, quarterback Chip Pettit scored from one yard out. Brian Vance blocked the PAT attempt, however, and the Bulldogs led 6-0.

Fourteen Lowell plays later, a 37-yard field goal attempt was blocked, and the quarter ended without further scoring.

The second quarter belonged to Griffith, which marched 68 yards in 10 running plays to score on a one-yard keeper by quarterback Alex Djukic. The quarter ended with the interception by Djukic at the Panther 30, giving Griffith the ball again to start the third stanza.

The Panthers and Bulldogs exchanged punts and Griffith lost the ball on downs at the CP 34 with 6:18 to go. Crown Point mounted a drive that stalled at the Griffith 16, where Bill Holcomb booted a 33-yard field goal to put the Bulldogs up 9-6.

Two plays after taking over at their own 30 (no placekicking was used in the contest), Griffith's second quarterback for the evening, Don Wasserman, found Jim Crosek behind the defender in the open and hit him with a 30-yard pass that Crosek gobbled up and carried the rest of the way into the end zone for a TD. Scott Sutton added the PAT and Griffith led 13-9.

That ended the scoring as Lowell and Calumet played a scoreless fourth quarter highlighted by Piatt's two interceptions and a Lowell drive that started at its own 44 and reached the Calumet 10 with time running out. Skip Drew, in as QB for Lowell, lost a fumble and Calumet ended the game at their own six.

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Jamborees start football season

It is almost impossible to believe that summer is almost over, school starting is just around the corner, and the high school football season has already begun. Even if you don't believe it, area teams kicked off their 1990 seasons in two separate jamborees last Friday night.

Lake Central, Bishop Noll, Highland, and host Munster all participated at the Munster Jamboree, while Griffith traveled out to the Lowell Jamboree.

At Munster, Lake Central was by far the most successful as the Indians won both quarters that they engaged in Friday night. In their first quarter of play Lake Central shut down Highland 14-0.

The Indians scored on a two-yard run by Jeff Stephens, and then scored their second touchdown when Tracey Smith recovered a block punt in the end zone.

Lake Central's defense was also a factor as they held the Trojans to no first downs, and a minus two yards of total offense.

In their second quarter of play Lake central duplicated their opening quarter by downing Munster 14-0. Once again Smith had a nose for the ball as he recovered a second block punt in the end zone. The second Indian touchdown came on a four-yard run by John Sabik.

In a scoreless quarter, Bishop Noll and Highland played to a 0-0 tie. The Trojans had a chance to score at the end of the period, but a field goal attempt fell short.

Noll won one quarter as they beat Munster 7-0. The Warrior offense was led by Joe Jumonville, who completed five of nine passes for 101 yards, and Damon Scheidt, who caught four passes for 90 yards. The Noll touchdown came on a running play as Demon Brooks tallied on a ten-yard run.

At the Lowell Jamboree, Griffith had a good night as they won both quarters they played in.

First they knocked off Calumet 6-0. The Panthers marched 68 yards for their touchdown, and the drive was completed when Alex Djukic ran the ball into the end zone from the one-yard line. The Griffith defense held Calumet to a mere 10 yards in total offense.

The Panthers won their second quarter 7-3 as they beat Crown Point. The Bulldogs scored first on a field goal, but came right back to answer that score with a touchdown. The Panther drive took only three plays, and was highlighted by a 54-yard scoring pass from Don Wasserman to Jim Crosek.

The scoring pass was Griffith's only completion of the night, but they did rush for 109 yards in their two quarters of play.

by R.W. Hugus
Sports Writer



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10	Wasserman, Don	11	5-10	160	QB	S
11	Sherry, Scott	10	6-0	166	QB	DB
12	Hoover, Ryan	10	5-8	131	QB	DB
13	Leslie, Scott	11	5-6	159	HB	OLB
14	Sutkowski, Alan	10	6-2	155	SE	OLB
20	*Polites, Bill	12	5-9	175	HB	OLB
22	*Lamb, Clint	12	5-11	164	HB	DB
24	Murdock, Jerry	11	5-8	150	HB	S
25	*Maciszak, Mitch	12	5-10	143	SE	DB
26	*Garvey, Tim	12	5-8	153	HB	DB
30	*Djukic, Alex	12	6-1	161	QB	S
32	Harwood, Keith	12	5-11	165	HB	DB
34	Dewes, Russ	11	5-10	161	FB	ILB
36	*Worosz, Mike	12	6-1	163	HB	S
39	*Leslie, Todd	11	5-6	162	FB	ILB
40	*Mathews, Nick	12	6-2	192	FB	ILB
42	Schreiber, Eric	11	5-8	160	FB	ILB
43	Toweson, Kyle	10	6-5	147	SE	DB
44	Farrer, Jerry	10	6-2	164	HB	OLB
46	Higgins, Donnie	11	5-10	162	SE	DB
50	Burks, Rick	11	6-1	176	OC	DE
52	*Lopez, Daryl	12	5-11	205	OC	DT
54	Wroblewski, Andy	11	5-10	159	OG	OLB
55	Cox, Mike	10	6-2	183	OC	DE
56	Zabek, Brad	10	5-9	153	OC	ILB
59	Zabek, Todd	10	6-1	171	OG	DE
60	Hackworth, Jay	11	5-10	185	OG	DT
61	*Reyome, Jason	12	5-11	165	OG	ILB
62	*Sutton, Scott	11	5-10	196	OG	DT
63	*Reitz, Joe	12	6-0	187	OG	DE
64	*Anderson, Jason	12	5-10	181	OG	DT
65	Serratore, Mike	11	5-11	180	OG	ILB
66	Price, Ron	10	5-11	186	OG	DT
68	Jerome, Rick	11	5-10	178	OG	ILB
70	*Verbich, John	12	6-0	225	OT	DT
71	*Lamb, Rex	10	5-11	151	HB	DB
72	*Comer, Dave	12	6-1	207	OT	DT
75	McCabe, Tony	10	5-10	321	OT	DT
76	Smith, Adam	10	6-5	253	OT	DT
78	Vittorio, Nick	12	6-2	187	OT	DE
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85	Miklusak, Nate	10	6-2	161	TE	DE
86	*Bell, Mike	12	6-1	162	SE	OLB
88	Harder, Jeff	12	6-3	206	TE	DT
89	*Miklusak, Neil	11	6-3	215	TE	DE

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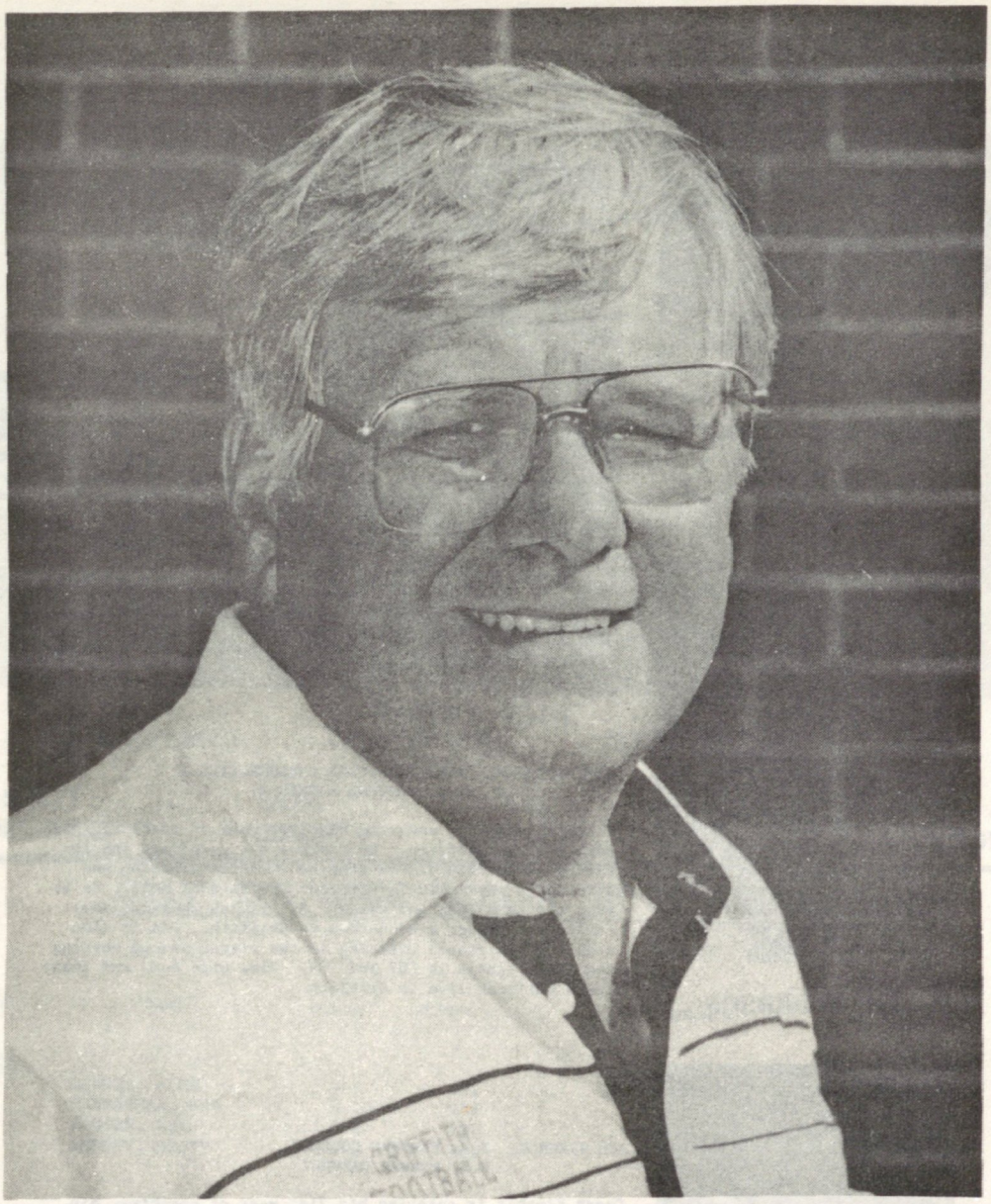
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HEAD COACH LES THORNTON



B.S. VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY, M.S. INDIANA UNIVERSITY

Coach Thornton is entering his 26th year as a head football coach. He coached two years at DeMotte High School, eight years at North Judson, and is beginning his sixteenth year at Griffith High School. His career record is 161-86-1.

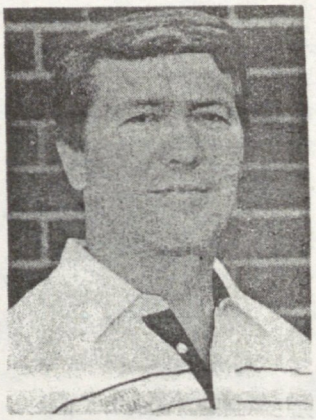
The **Dean of the Lake Suburban Football Coaches** has led Griffith (the smallest school in the conference) to 11 winning seasons in the last 15 years, including three conference championships as well as two sectional championships.

Thornton's 1988 team was conference co-champions and the 1989 team won the conference outright. Both teams were the leading defensive teams in the area and both ranked in the top teams in the state (7th in the 4-A division in 1988 and 6th in the 3-A division in 1989). Last years team was only the 2nd team in the school's history to finish the season with an undefeated and untied regular season record.

Coach Thornton is known throughout Indiana for his Wishbone Offense which he has run successfully for over 20 years. He is a founding member of the Indiana Wishbone Coaches Association.

Coach Thornton teaches history at the high school. Fern, his wife of 32 years, teaches first grade at Franklin School in Griffith. Thornton has two sons: Jim, who is employeed at American Maize, and Brian, who is a teacher and coach at East Bay High School in Tampa, Florida.

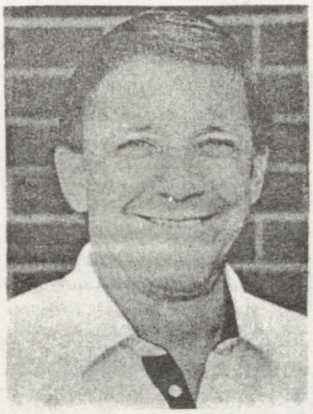
FOOTBALL COACHING STAFF



BOB KOMARA

BOB KOMARA: B.S. & M.S. INDIANA STATE

Coach Komara is entering his 22nd year of coaching, his 5th year at Griffith. He coaches the offensive backs and is the defensive coordinator. He came to us after coaching at Lake Central and Thornton Community College. He teaches health at Lake Central High School. Bob, wife Patti, and their two children live in Schererville.



DICK REYOME

DICK REYOME: B.S. & M.S. BALL STATE

Coach Reyome is entering his 24th year of coaching, his 15th year at Griffith. He assists with the coaching of the offensive and defensive linemen and is the special teams coordinator. He came to us after coaching at Hammond Tech. He is the Vocational Coordinator for the high school. Dick, wife Dian, their three daughters and their granddaughter live in Griffith.



JIM ANDERSON

JIM ANDERSON: B.S. AUGUSTANA COLLEGE (ILL.)
M.S. EASTERN MICHIGAN

Coach Anderson is entering his 23rd year of coaching, his 14th year at Griffith. He coaches the receivers and the defensive backfield. He came to us after coaching and serving as the Athletic Director for Hammond Noll. He is also the head baseball coach. He teaches physical education and driver's education at Griffith. Jim is also a girl's basketball official in the winter season working the state finals in '87 and '89. Jim, wife Sue, and their three children live in Griffith.



JIM KIECHLE

JIM KIECHLE: B.S. PARSONS COLLEGE
M.S. PURDUE CALUMET

Coach Kiechle is entering his 21st year of coaching, his 5th year at Griffith. He coaches the offensive and defensive linemen. He came to us after coaching at Hanover Central, Lowell, and Lake Central. He also coaches the Junior Varsity Team. He teaches science at Lake Central High School. Jim, wife Sandy, and their three children live in Lowell.



STEVE WROBLEWSKI

STEVE WROBLEWSKI: B.A. FRANKLIN COLLEGE
M.S. INDIANA UNIVERSITY-NORTHWEST

Coach Wroblewski is entering his 24th year of coaching, his 4th at Griffith. He coaches the centers, linebackers, and the Junior Varsity Team. He came to us after coaching many years at Munster. He teaches math at Munster High School. Steve, wife Chris, and their two children live in Griffith.

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10	HOOVER, RYAN	5-8	131
10	SHERRY, SCOTT	6-0	166
HALFBACKS			
12	GARVEY, TIM	5-8	153
12	HARWOOD, KEITH	5-11	165
12	LAMB, CLINT	5-11	164
12	POLITES, BILL	5-9	175
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11	LESLIE, SCOTT	5-6	159
11	MURDOCK, JERRY	5-8	150
10	AUSTGEN, MARK	5-9	137
10	FARRAR, JERRY	6-2	164
10	GILBERTSEN, PAUL	5-10	145
10	GNIADEK, JOE	5-11	133
10	HESS, JUSTIN	6-1	150
10	LAMB, REX	5-11	151
10	RENTSCHLER, CARL	5-10	147
10	WOROSZ, JEREMY	5-11	161
FULLBACKS			
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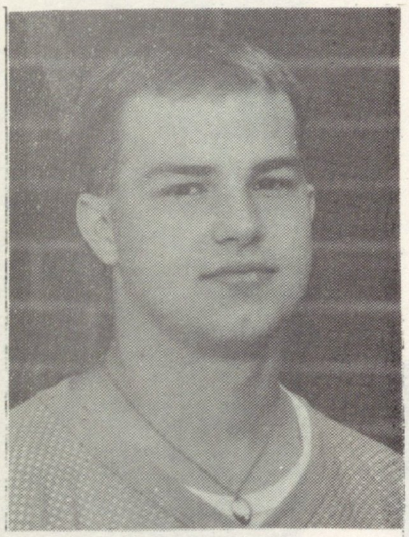
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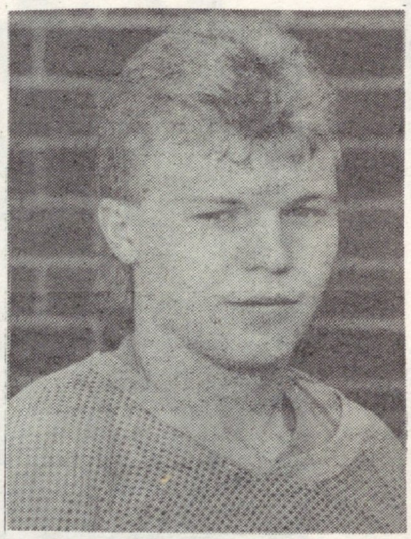
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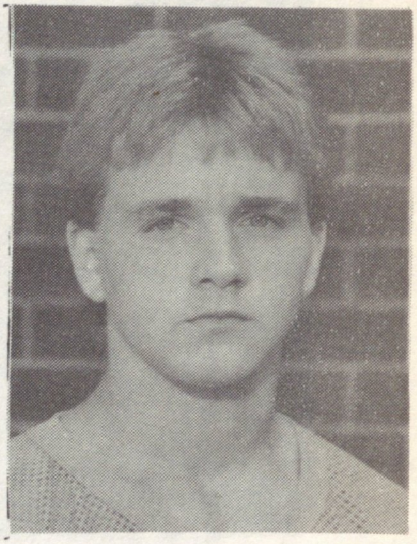
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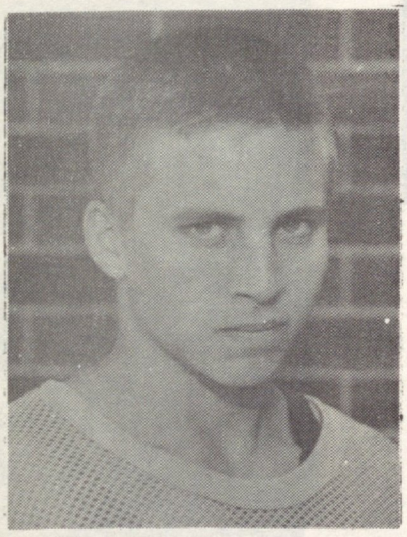
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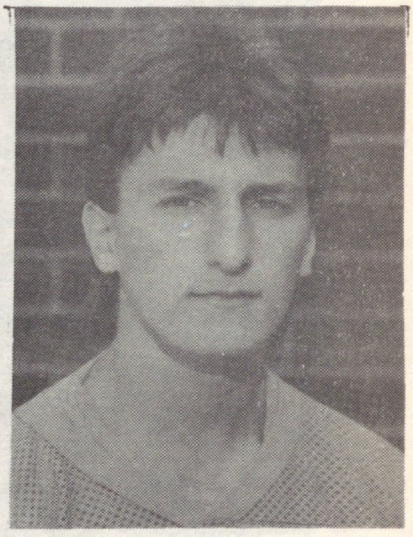
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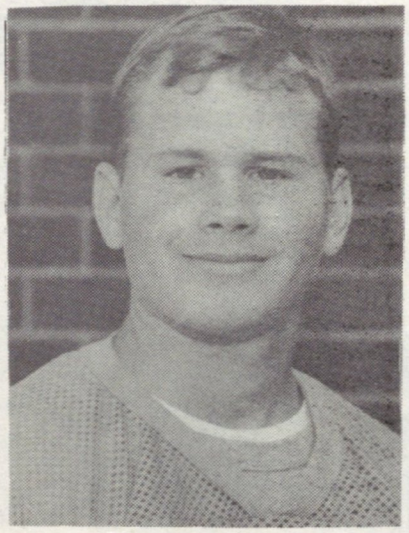


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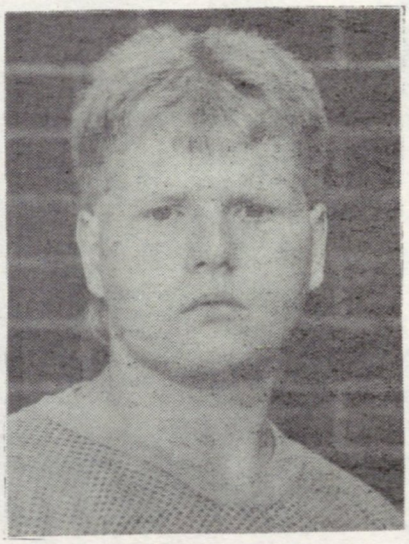


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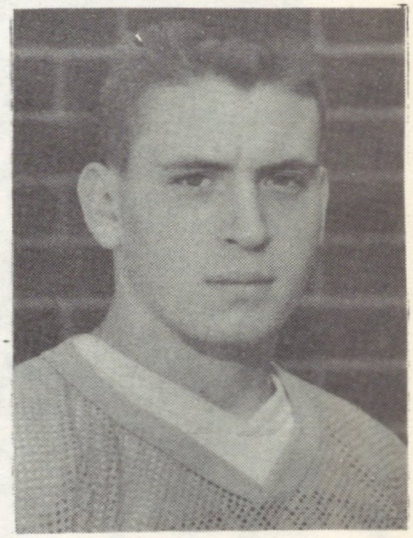
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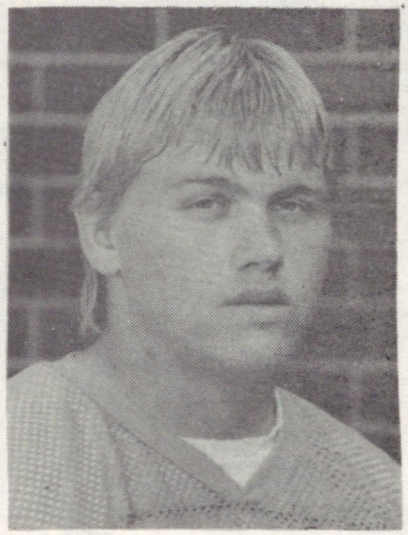
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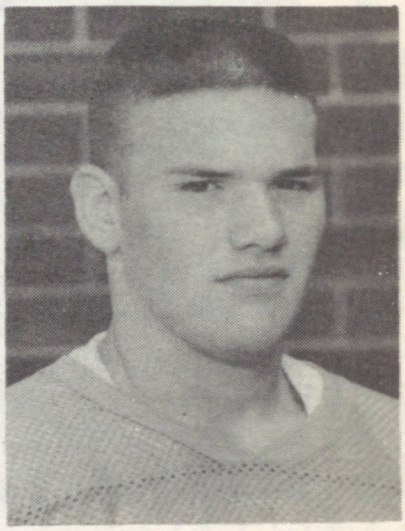
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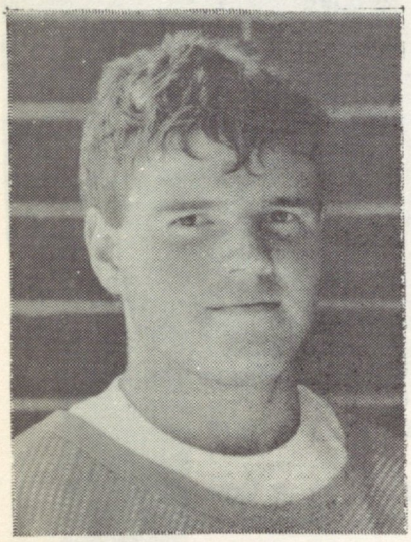


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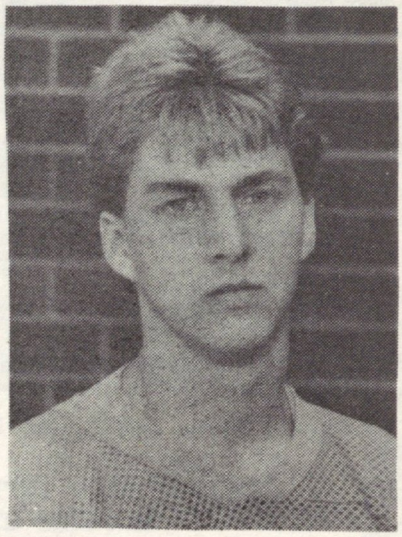


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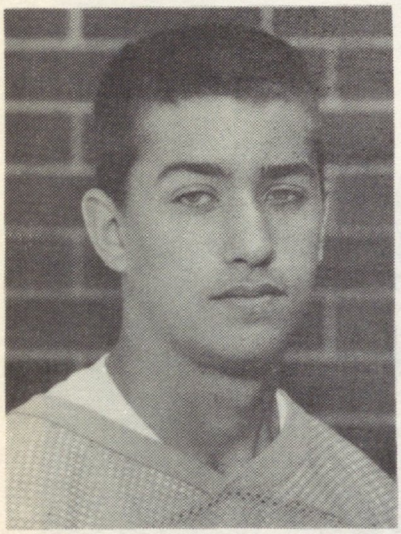
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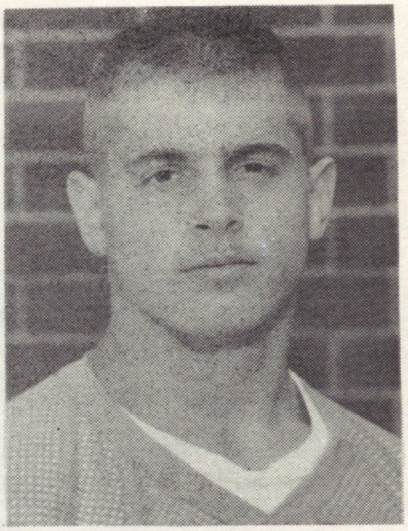
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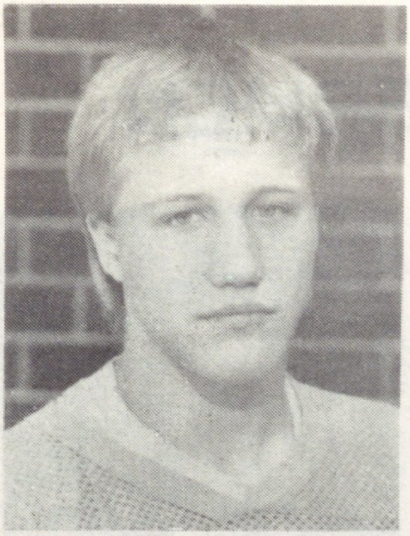


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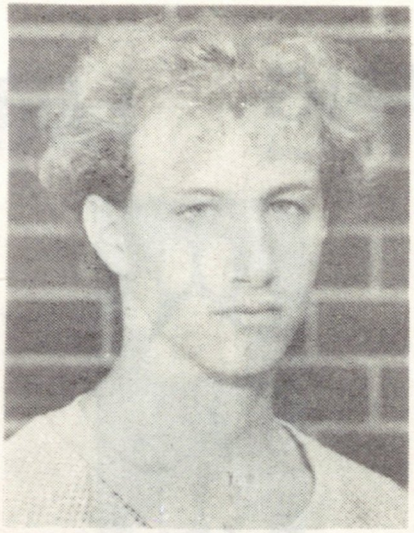


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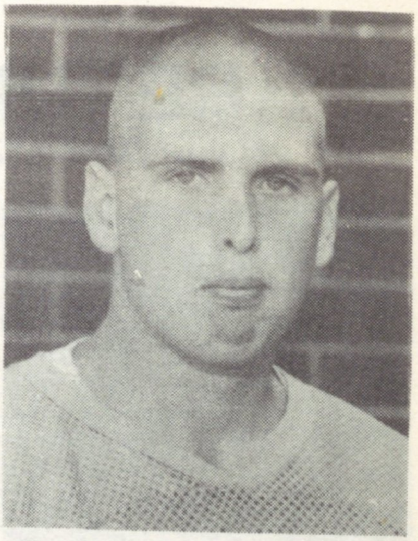
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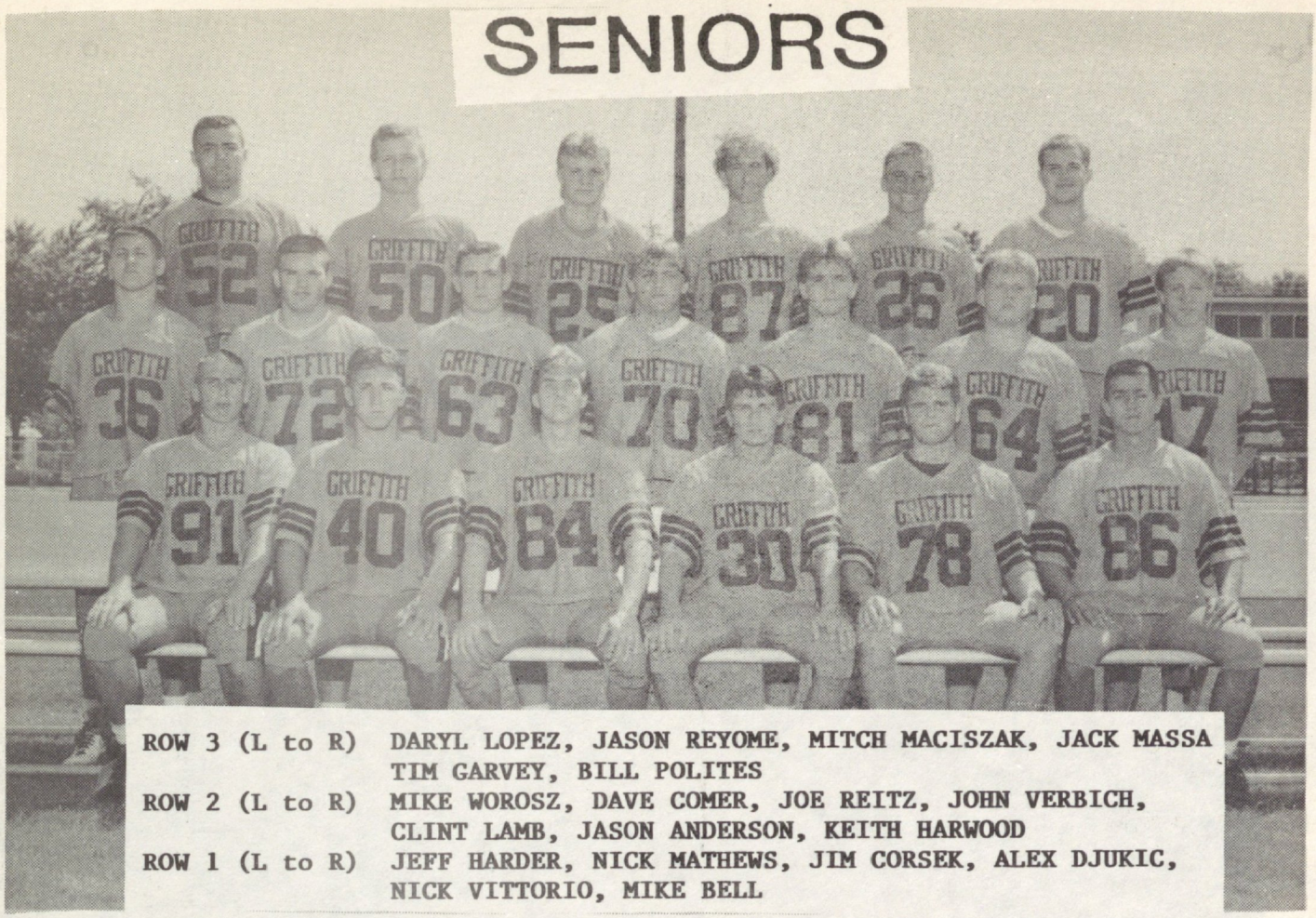


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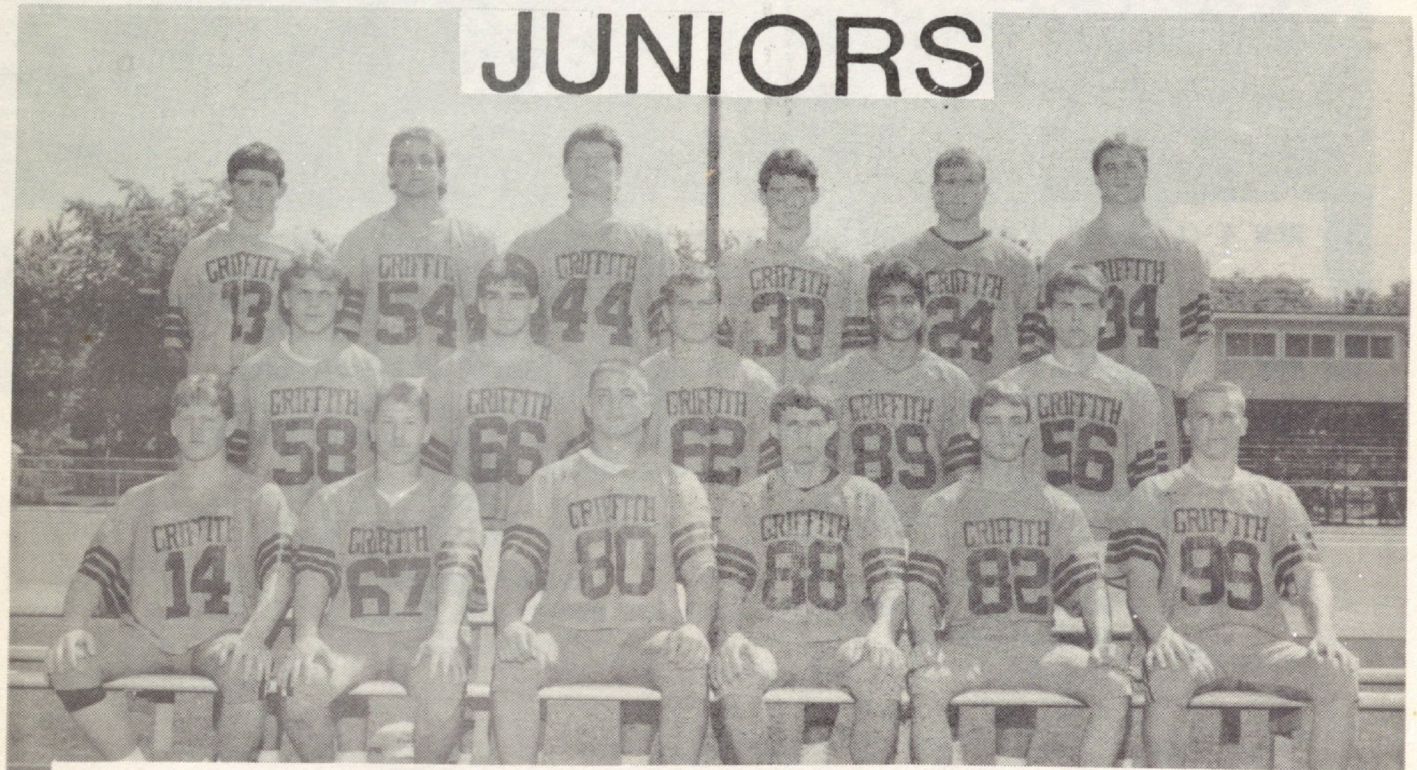


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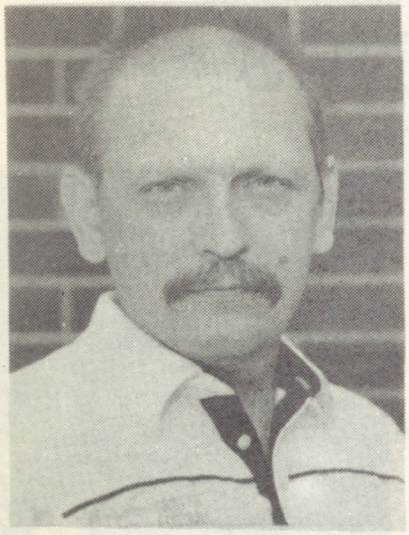
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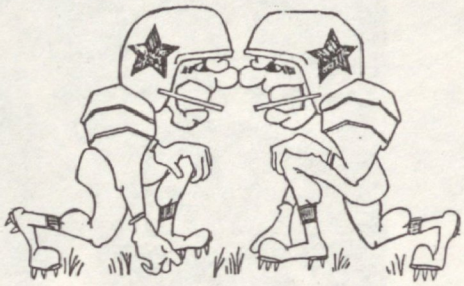
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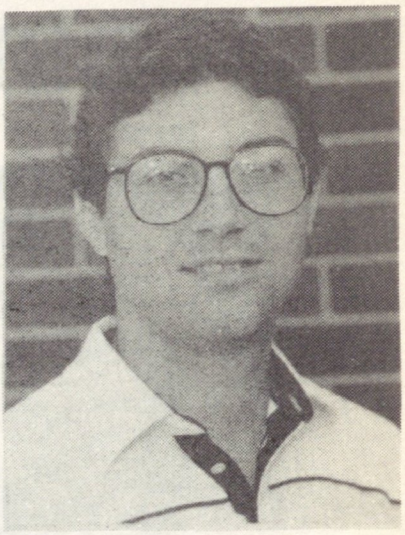
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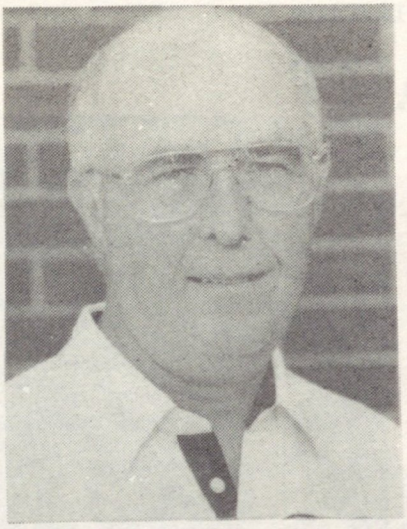


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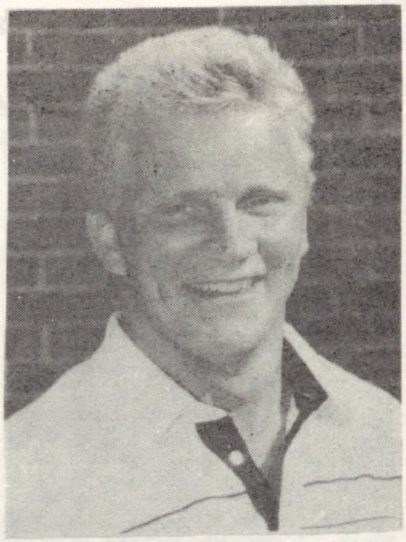




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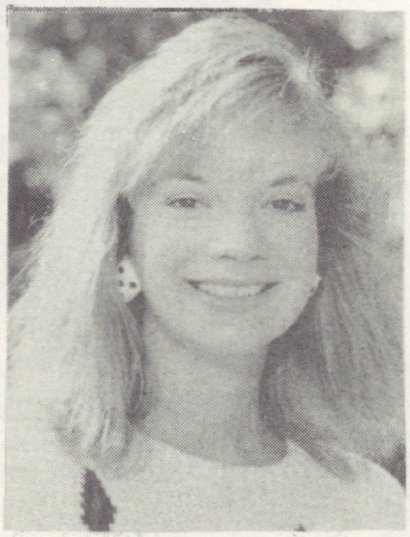


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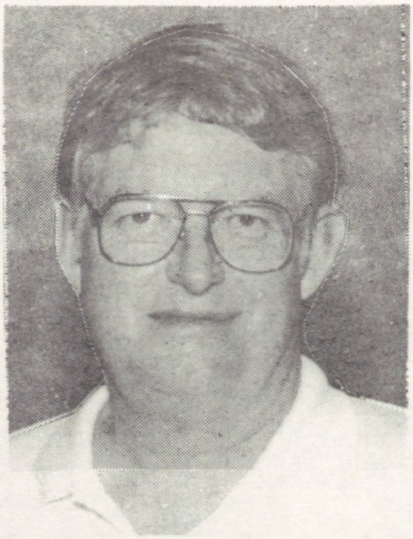


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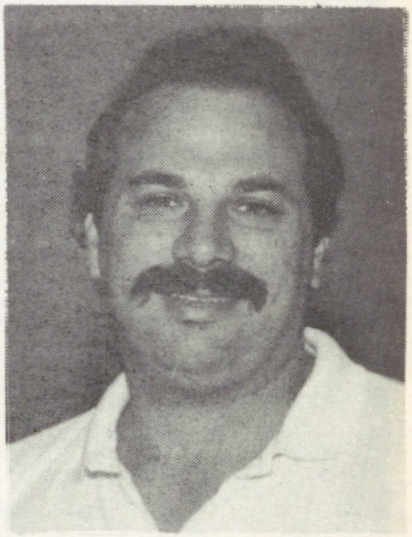
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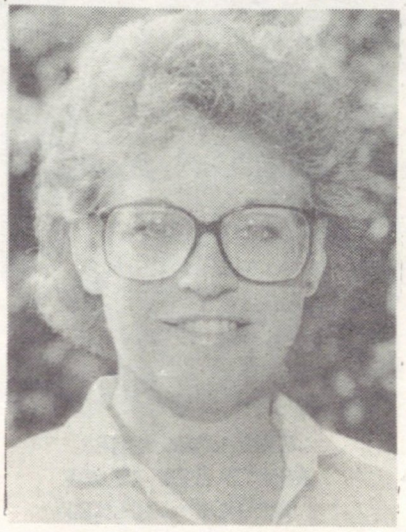
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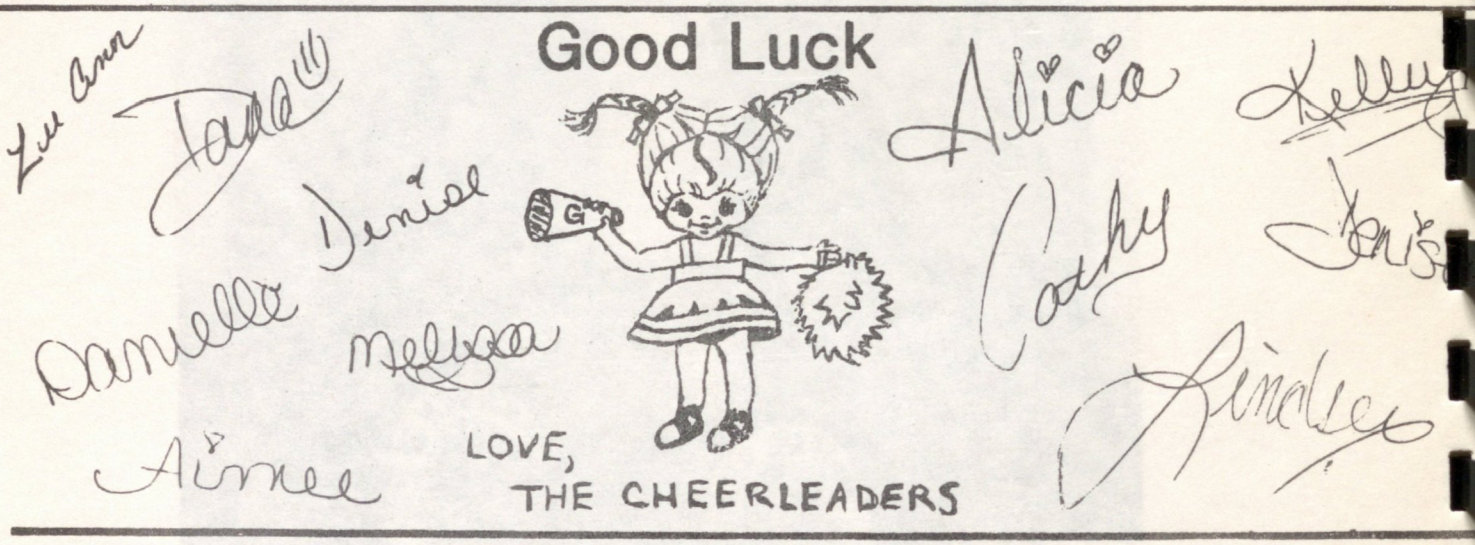
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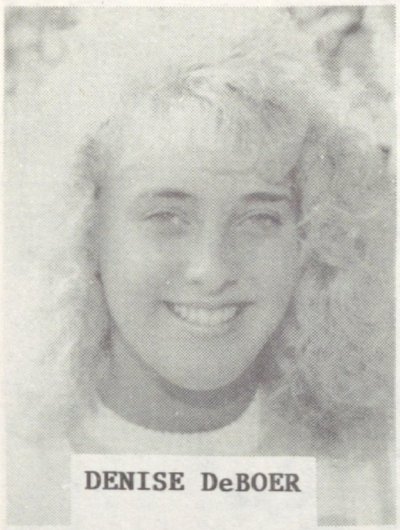
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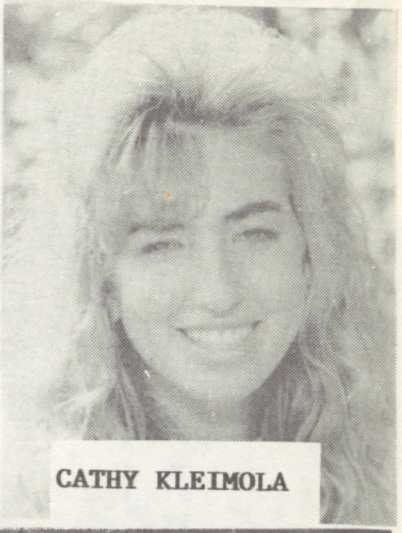
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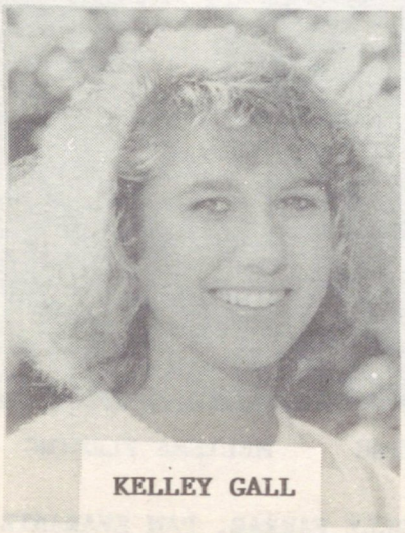


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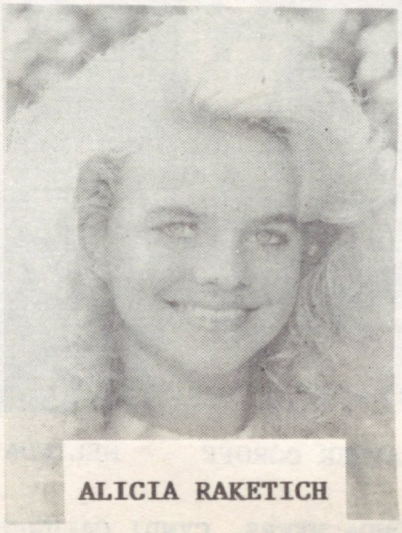


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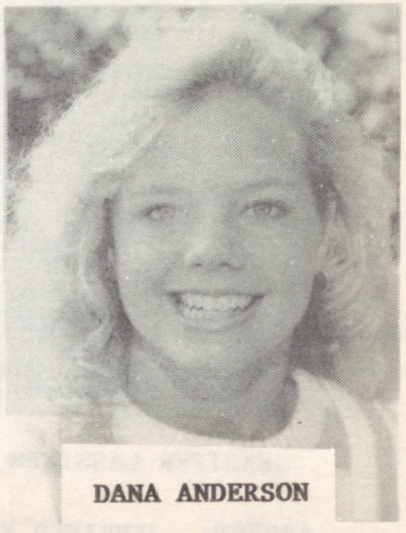
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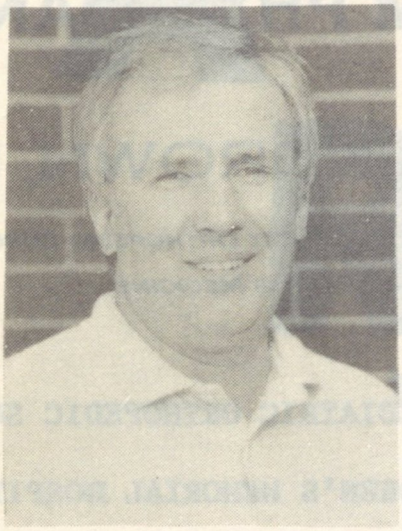


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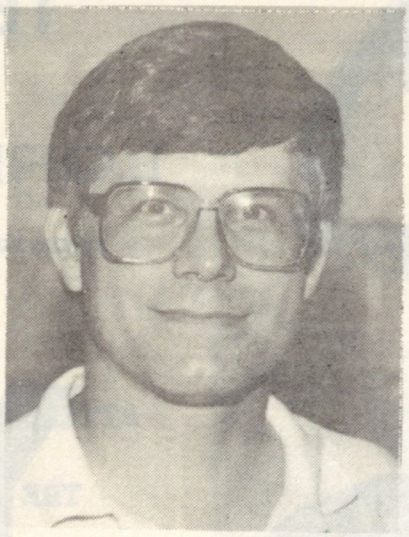


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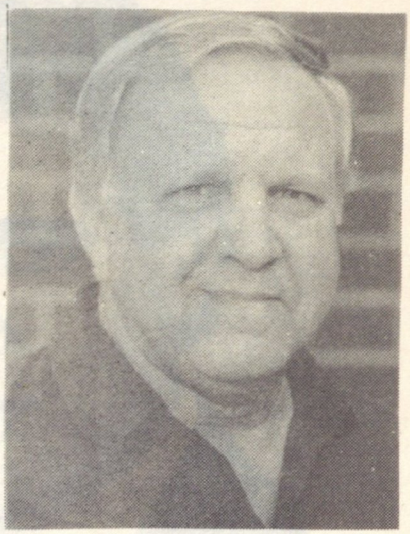
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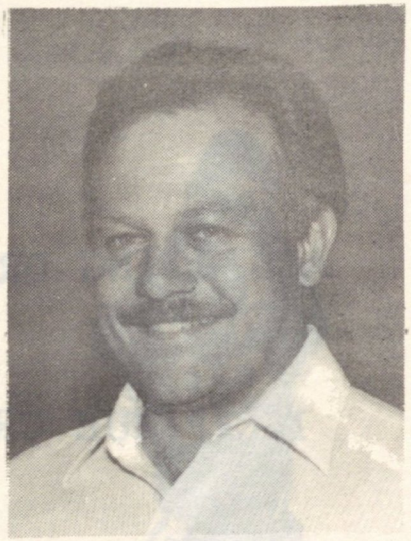
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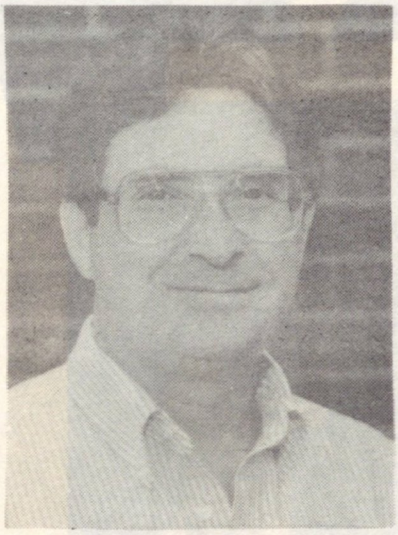
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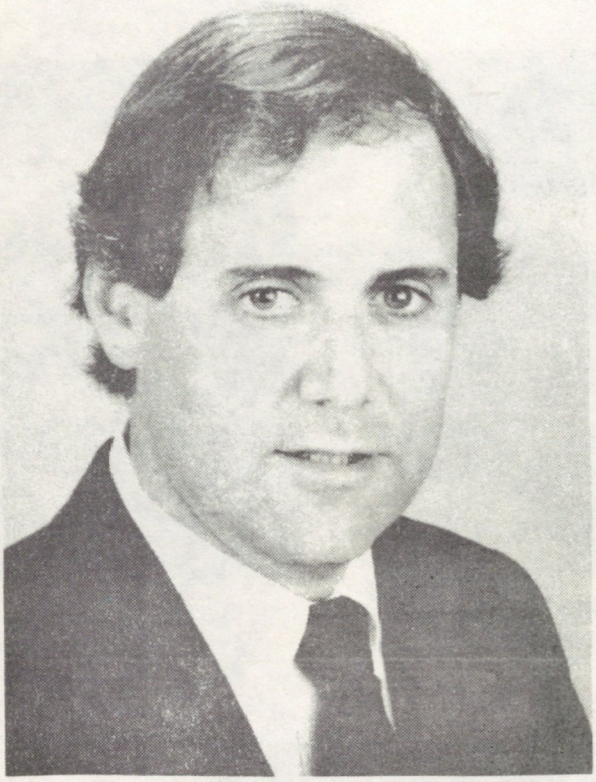


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Griffith backs run Mann into dirt

By BOB RECZEK
Times Correspondent

GRIFFITH – Griffith coach Les Thornton figured his backfield would be pretty tough this season.

Friday night the Panthers showed why.

Aided by some indecision in Horace Mann's kicking game, Griffith stormed out to a 30-0 halftime lead and ended up 44-0 winners in the season opener for both schools.

"That's one of the things I saw tonight. We've got some speed, in our halfbacks and our quarterbacks, both of them," said Thornton after the Panthers racked up 358 yards in offense, 279 of which came via the ground game. "The overall team speed I was very pleased with."

Senior Alex Djukic showed why he won the quarterback derby during summer practice, running for one touchdown and passing for two more – 31 and 16 yards to split end Jim Crosek – in the first half.

"I like the senior," Thornton said. "Djukic is the senior. He had a great camp. I like his senior leadership and his maturity right now. (It's his job) as of right now."

Junior Don Wasserman called the signals in the second half and also looked good, exploding for a 57-yard TD on the second play of the third quarter and later passing 32 yards to Jack Massa for another.

Horace Mann had to figure it was going to be a long night from the opening play, when quarterback Arthur Hill was sacked by Nick Vittorio for a 12-yard loss.

The Horsemen were held to 66 yards total offense, including 27 in the first half.

"Griffith's a good football team," said Mann coach John Hoover. "They showed that they are well-skilled in the areas of the wishbone.

"I'm disappointed. I didn't expect a score like that. We saw some good things out there and some things we'll have to improve on."

It didn't take Griffith too long to get on the board, converting a Horsemen muffed punt attempt into a 7-0 lead just 3:45 into the opening quarter. Taking over at the Mann 25, the Panthers used two plays to reach the end zone. Clint Lamb did most of the damage with a 21-yard run off the option.

Djukic then went to work, playing a role in Griffith touchdowns during the team's next three possessions. Sandwiched in between was a safety by linebacker Eric Schreiber.

The Panthers' final score came on a Mike Worosz seven-yard sprint with 11:54 remaining. It capped a 93-yard drive that took 11 plays to complete.

Griffith's kicking game also deserved a pat on the back. While John Verbich's lone punt of the night – on the Panthers' final possession – went 42 yards, Scott Sutton and Jerry Murdock combined for six straight conversion kicks.

"I'm pleased with a lot of things," Thornton said. "There's two or three areas that we've got to do better, got to beef up on.

"We've got a good attitude going. Good tradition. These kids are winners."

	HM	GRI
Net yards rushing	55	279
Net yards passing	11	79
Total yards	66	358
Passes att/comp/int	11/3/0	4/3/0
Punts/average	6/16.7	1/42
Penalties	8/41.5	7/70
Fumbles/lost	5/2	4/2

SCORING BY QUARTERS

HORACE MANN	0	0	0	0	0
GRIFFITH	23	7	7	7	44

INDIVIDUAL SCORING

G – Clint Lamb, 21 run (Scott Sutton kick).
G – Jim Crosek, 31 pass from Alex Djukic (Sutton kick).
G – Safety, Horace Mann punter tackled in end zone by Eric Schreiber.
G – Djukic, 1 run (Sutton kick).
G – Crosek, 16 pass from Djukic (Sutton kick).
G – Don Wasserman, 57 run (Jerry Murdock kick).
G – Mike Worosz, 7 run (Murdock kick).

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Griffith 44
Gary Mann 0

At Griffith, the Panthers, ranked ninth in 3A, led 23-0 after one quarter of the nonconference game.

Griffith's Jim Crosek caught just two passes — both for touchdowns. The first was a 31-yard play and the other 15 yards, both from quarterback Alex Djukic, who also scored on a one-yard run.

Griffith's Don Wasserman ran three times for 70 yards, including a 57-yard touchdown run. Clint Lamb picked up 61 yards on four carries including a 22-yard TD run. Mike Worosz scored Griffith's other touchdown.

Griffith's Scott Sutton kicked four extra points.

Lovell White gained 43 of Mann's 69 yards rushing, on 12 carries.

GARY MANN	0	0	0	0	0
GRIFFITH	23	7	7	7	44

SCORING

Gr — Lamb 22 run (Sutton kick)
Gr — Crosek 31 pass from Djukic (Sutton kick)
Gr — Safety, Schreiber tackled punter in end zone
Gr — Djukic 1 run (Sutton kick)
Gr — Crosek 15 pass from Djukic (Sutton kick)
Gr — Wasserman 57 run (Murdock kick)
Gr — Worosz 7 run (Murdock kick)

STATISTICS

	GM	Gr
First downs	6	13
Yards rushing	69	273
Yards passing	12	78
Passes	2-10	3-4
Intercepted by	0	0
Punts — avg. yards	4-26.5	1-42
Fumbles — lost	4-2	3-2
Penalties — yards	7-40	7-70

Friday's high school football

#1 (4A) Hobart	29	Hammond Morton	19
#5 (5A) Gary Wallace	6	Gary Wirt	6
Andrean	30	Lowell	22
#1 (3A) Ham. Noll	14	Rensselaer	12
#9 (5A) Valparaiso	38	River Forest	32
Calumet	22	Whiting	20
#9 (3A) Griffith	44	Hammond Gavit	6
Gary Mann	0	Kankakee Valley	0
Merrillville	18	S.B. Riley	14
Crown Point	0	Chesterton	0
Lake Central	27	#7 (4A) S.B. Wash.	38
East Chicago	0	Hammond Clark	12
Portage	27	M.C. Rogers	26
Highland	14	M.C. Elston	6
Munster	20	New Prairie	6
Hammond	6	LaPorte	0

Griffith, Lake Central, Munster win openers

by R.W. Hugus
Sports Writer



The 1990 high school football season began last Friday night and Griffith, Lake Central, and Munster enjoyed the beginning of a new campaign by posting wins.

Bishop Noll and Highland began their schedules with losses.

Griffith played at home Friday night and the Panthers scored early and often and crushed Horace Mann, 44-0. They jumped out to a 23-0 first quarter lead, and if nothing else proved that they deserve their number nine ranking in Class 3A.

For Griffith, Jim Crosek scored twice on passes from Alex Djukic, the first coming from 31 yards out, and the second from the 15-yard line.

Also scoring were Clint Lamb on a 22-yard run, Djukic on a one-yard run, Don Wasserman on a 57-yard run, Mike Worosz on a seven-yard run, Scott Sutton on four extra points, and Jerry Murdock on two PAT's.

The Panthers passed for 78 yards and rushed for 273, while the defense gave up only 81 total yards, yielded only two of 10 passing, and recovered two fumbles.

Lake Central also had no trouble as it scored in every quarter to beat East Chicago, 27-0. Joe Ercus scored three touchdowns for the night when he carried the ball in from the six, two, and nine yard lines.

Also for the Indians, John Sabik scored on a 20-yard pass play from Jeff Stephens, Matt Gelon booted an extra point, and Marc Donsbach posted two points on a pass from Scott Schwartz, after an Ercus touchdown.

Lake Central managed 195 total yards, almost split between rushing and passing, while the Indian defense gave up 159 yards, intercepted a pass, and recovered a fumble.

Munster scored all of its points before halftime, and then coasted to a 20-6 win over Hammond High.

The Mustangs got on the scoreboard in the first quarter when Brian Morgan intercepted a pass, and returned it 37 yards for a touchdown. Eric Nolan then added his first of two extra point attempts.

In the second quarter it was the combination of Mike Bagull and Bill Karr that did the damage as the two hooked up twice on scoring passes of 14 and 10 yards to Karr.

The Mustang defense didn't break as it gave up 33 yards rushing and 181 yards passing, but came up with three interceptions, and three fumble recoveries.

Bishop Noll began the season ranked number one in Class 3A, but the Warriors dropped their opener to traditional rival Andrean, 30-14.

The Warriors trailed 21-0 at the half, and rallied for 14 points in the third quarter before falling.

Highland scored first Friday night, but Portage scored more often and the Indians defeated the Trojans, 27-14.

Highland scored on its first possession as Jason Woodward returned the opening kickoff 68 yards before being stopped. That was followed up with a four yard touchdown pass from Brian Guzek to Chuck Ryan.

Portage answered by taking the kickoff back for a touchdown, and scored twice more before Highland tallied in the third quarter on a 24-yard pass play from Guzek to Ryan Jacusis.

The Trojans gave up a total of 331 yards, while their offense came up with 218. The Highland defense did come up with one interception, and recovered two fumbles.

This week's schedule features a big day for Lake Central Saturday. It will face off with Crown Point in a Lake Suburban Conference game in the Hoosier Dome in Indianapolis. The game is scheduled to kick off at 2 p.m.

On Friday night Griffith will be at Lowell, and Munster at Highland in LSC games, while West Side will be at Bishop Noll.

Andrean football team eighth in Class 4A poll

Andrean football coach Ivan Zimmer says he has mixed emotions about breaking into the Class 4A football poll.

"We're happy for the kids," said Zimmer, whose 59ers are ranked eighth by the Associated Press this week. "But, we have to improve ... we've got good talent, but we can't think that one win makes a season.

"We have to improve every week."

The "one win" refers to last Friday's 30-14 victory over defending Class 3A state champion Hammond Noll, then top-ranked. The Warriors dropped to seventh this week.

Zimmer said he did not consider the Noll victory an upset.

"I know the coaching staff was elated to get off to a good start," Zimmer said. "(The players) worked hard and prepared to win. I think any other outcome would have been emotional."

Andrean came on strong at the end of last season., winning the Sectional 9 championship with three straight shutouts. Hobart eliminated the 59ers 14-7 in regional play.

"It's been a few years (since Andrean has been ranked)," said Zimmer, in his ninth season.

■ Elsewhere, Hobart remained No. 1 in Class 4A, earning 17 first-place votes. Hammond Morton and Munster achieved honorable-mention status.

■ In 5A, Valparaiso moved up to sixth; Lake Central broke into the poll at No. 8.

Merrillville, Gary Wallace and Portage made honorable mention.

■ In 3A, Griffith rose to No. 4; Noll is seventh.

■ In 2A, North Judson broke into the top 10, at No. 8.

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Associated Press polls

With first-place votes in parentheses, records and rating points (400 possible in Class 5A, 360 in 4A, 320 in 3A, 340 in 2A, and 280 in A):

■ **CLASS 5A**

1. Carmel	(15)	1-0	384
2. Penn	(1)	1-0	321
3. Ind. Ben Davis	(1)	1-0	297
4. Castle	(1)	1-0	219
5. F.W. Northrop		1-0	216
6. VALPARAISO		**1-0**	**193**
7. Ind. Washington		1-0	143
8. LAKE CENTRAL		**1-0**	**73**
9. Warren Central	(1)	1-0	65
10. Southport		1-0	52

Others with votes: Merrillville 51, Evansville Harrison 47, Martinsville 46, Mishawaka 37, Marion 35, **Gary Wallace 33,** Ind. North Central 33, F.W. North 30, Evansville Central (1) 27, Elkhart Central 21, Seymour 20, **Portage 16,** Ind. Perry Meridian 14, F.W. Snider 10, S.B. Riley 8, Lafayette Jeff 7, Richmond 6.

■ **CLASS 4A**

1. HOBART	**(17)**	**1-0**	**358**
2. Franklin Central	(1)	1-0	315
3. DeKalb		1-0	234
4. Evansville Reitz		1-0	207
5. Souh Bend Washington		1-0	191
6. Pendleton Heights		1-0	163
7. East Central		1-0	137
8. ANDREAN		**1-0**	**95**
9. Vincennes		1-0	69
10. Goshen		0-1	68

Others with votes: Lafayette Harrison 62, **Hammond Morton 51,** S.B. Clay 39, Evansville Bosse 36, New Haven 26, **Munster 24,** Ind. Pike 23, Brownsburg 15, McCutcheon 15, F.W. South 8, Franklin County 7, Homestead 7, Mooresville 6.

■ **CLASS 3A**

1. F.W. Dwenger	(9)	1-0	270
2. Tipton	(1)	1-0	217
3. Charlestown	(2)	1-0	215
4. GRIFFITH	**(3)**	**1-0**	**193**
5. S.B. St. Joseph's		1-0	175
6. Ind. Roncalli		0-1	138
7. HAMMOND NOLL	**(1)**	**0-1**	**120**
8. Crawfordsville		0-1	111
9. Evansville Memorial		0-1	63
10. Tell City		0-1	61

Others with votes: Ind. Chatard 57, New Palestine 51, Jasper 41, Hamilton Southeastern 34, Triton Central 26, Northwestern 21, Salem 21, Mississinewa 16, Western 16, Whitko 16, Greensburg 13, Carroll (Allen) 9, Elwood 9, Benton Central 8, Angola 7, Danville 6, Yorktown 6.

■ **CLASS 2A**

1. Western Boone	(11)	1-0	313
2. South Spencer	(4)	1-0	292
3. Frankton		1-0	253
4. Rochester	(1)	1-0	232
5. Cass	(1)	1-0	158
6. Fort Wayne Luers		0-1	150
7. Tri-West		0-1	103
8. NORTH JUDSON		**1-0**	**77**
9. Eastside		1-0	59
10. Zionsville		1-0	57

■ **CLASS A**

1. Springs Valley	(8)	1-0	253
2. Bremen	(4)	1-0	232
3. South Decatur	(1)	1-0	204
4. Sheridan		1-0	193
5. South Putnam		1-0	160
6. North Miami		1-0	129
7. Southwood		1-0	120
8. North Putnam	(1)	1-0	87
9. Tecumseh		1-0	57
10. Jimtown		0-1	53

Football

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How rated teams fared

How members of the Associated Press poll fared last week.

Class 5A

■ 1. CARMEL (1-0) beat Ind. North Central 16-7.

■ 2. PENN (1-0) beat No. 7 ELKHART CENTRAL 35-14.

■ 3. IND. BEN DAVIS (1-0) beat Terre Haute North 69-0.

■ 4. F.W. NORTHROP (1-0) beat Richmond 13-6.

■ **5. GARY WALLACE (0-1) lost to 4A No. 1 HOBART 29-6.**

■ 6. CASTLE (1-0) beat Boonville 34-0.

■ 7. ELKHART CENTRAL (0-1) lost to No. 2 PENN 35-14.

■ 8. LAWRENCE NORTH (0-1) lost to Southport 21-14, (2 OTs).

■ **9. VALPARAISO (1-0) beat Calumet 38-22.**

■ 10. IND. WASHINGTON (1-0) beat Columbus North 14-0.

Class 4A

■ **1. HOBART (1-0) beat 5A No. 5 GARY WALLACE 29-6.**

■ 2. FRANKLIN CENTRAL (1-0) beat 3A No. 3 IND. RONCALLI 27-14.

■ 3. LAFAYETTE HARRISON (0-1) lost to Lafayette Jeff 27-7.

■ 4. GOSHEN (0-1) lost to S.B. Clay 14-7.

■ 5. DeKALB (1-0) beat Garrett 27-6.

■ 6. EVANSVILLE REITZ (1-0) beat New Albany 31-14.

■ 7. S.B. WASHINGTON (1-0) **beat Hammond Clark 38-12.**

■ 8. PENDLETON HEIGHTS (1-0) beat Alexandria 40-15.

■ 9. EAST CENTRAL (1-0) beat Connersville 26-13.

■ 10. MOORESVILLE (0-1) lost to Decatur Central 30-0.

Class 3A

■ **1. HAMMOND NOLL (0-1) lost to Andrean 30-14.**

■ 2. CRAWFORDSVILLE (0-1) lost to McCutcheon 27-20.

■ 3. IND. RONCALLI (0-1) lost to 4A No. 2 FRANKLIN CENTRAL 27-14.

■ 4. F.W. DWENGER (1-0) beat Bellmont 16-0.

■ 5. TELL CITY (0-1) lost to Heritage Hills 14-12.

■ 6. CHARLESTOWN (1-0) beat Jennings County 20-12.

■ 7. TIPTON (1-0) beat Hamilton Heights 22-18.

■ 8. EVANSVILLE MEMORIAL (0-1) lost to Warren Central, Ky., 14-7, (OT).

■ **9. GRIFFITH (1-0) beat Gary Mann 44-0.**

■ 10. S.B. ST. JOE (1-0) beat S.B. Adams 29-5.

Class 2A

■ 1. F.W. LUERS (0-1) lost to F.W. South 21-7.

■ 2. TRI-WEST (0-1) lost to A No. 6 SOUTH PUTNAM 12-0.

■ 3. WESTERN BOONE (1-0) beat Ind. Brebeuf 59-6.

■ 4. SOUTH SPENCER (1-0) beat Gibson Southern 42-0.

■ 5. FRANKTON (1-0) beat Lapel 42-0.

■ 6. ROCHESTER (1-0) **beat North Newton 34-20.**

■ 7. FAIRFIELD (0-1) lost to Angola 13-7.

■ 8. EVANSVILLE MATER DEI (0-1) lost to Evansville Central 39-14.

■ 9. LINTON (0-1) lost to Greensburg 47-15.

■ 10. CASS (1-0) beat Delphi 20-8.

Class A

■ 1. SPRINGS VALLEY (1-0) beat Brownstown 33-0.

■ 2. BREMEN (1-0) beat NorthWood 28-21.

■ 3. SOUTH DECATUR (1-0) beat Indiana Deaf 53-6.

■ 4. SHERIDAN (1-0) beat Lebanon 20-6.

■ 5. JIMTOWN (0-1) lost to Glenn 8-6.

■ 6. SOUTH PUTNAM (1-0) beat 2A No. 2 TRI-WEST 12-0.

■ 7. NORTH MIAMI (1-0) beat Caston 35-12.

■ 8. LAFAYETTE CATHOLIC (0-1) lost to Benton Central 37-10.

■ 9. FRONTIER (0-1) lost to Twin Lakes 28-14.

■ 10. SOUTHWOOD (1-0) beat Wabash 36-22.

Weekly football honor roll

Athletes who also received consideration for Post-Tribune football player of the week honors:

Offense

■ **Ramon Stallings (Calumet)** — The senior quarterback completed 12 of 19 passes for 179 yards and rushed for 56 yards and two touchdowns on 20 carries in loss to Valparaiso.

■ **Troy Gill (Merrillville)** — The senior QB was 8 of 20 passing for 153 yards, one touchdown and no interceptions in 18-0 victory over Crown Point.

■ **Mark VanDerMolen (Merrillville)** — The 6-1, 208-pound senior tight end caught two passes for 70 yards including a 64-yarder to set up the final touchdown. He graded out at 95% on blocking.

■ **Tom Wilcher (M.C. Rogers)** — Rushed eight times for 54 yards and caught a 62-yard touchdown pass in Rogers' 26-6 season-opening win over rival Michigan City Elston.

■ **Brian Guzek (Highland)** — The senior quarterback completed 9 of 20 passes for 132 yards and two touchdowns in loss to Portage.

■ **Rick Yudt (Portage)** — The 6-foot-7 senior quarterback completed 7 of 14 passes for 157 yards, passed for a touchdown, and rushed for a score.

■ **Mark Broda (Portage)** — The wide receiver caught three passes for 111 yards, including a 62-yard touchdown pass.

■ **Matt Hendershott (Portage)** — The junior tailback rushed 15 times for 86 yards (5.7 average), returned a kickoff 86 yards for a touchdown, rushed for a touchdown, and finished with 180 total yards.

■ **Sherman Beck (North Judson)** — The sophomore two-way starter returned the opening kickoff 79 yards for a score in a 35-0 rout of Knox. He rushed 8 times for 94 yards. At strong safety, he had four solos, one assist and a fumble recovery.

■ **Eric Gappa (North Judson)** — The junior caught a 51-yard TD pass from Kevin Cox and returned a punt 72 yards for a score.

■ **Brian Pavich (Valparaiso)** — The wide receiver caught four passes for 62 yards and three touchdowns in victory over Calumet.

■ **Eric Utterback (Valparaiso)** — Senior quarterback completed 11 of 15 passes for 155 yards and three touchdowns against Calumet.

■ **Rich Otero (River Forest)** — The sophomore ran 12 times for 100 yards and caught a 38-yard touchdown pass in loss to Whiting.

■ **Alex Costa (Lake Station)** — The junior quarterback scored all of his Class 2A team's points in a 13-8 win over 5A host Gary West. Costa threw a 27-yard TD pass to Jay Wacasey, then ran two yards for a TD and kicked the extra point.

■ **Greg Renda (Whiting)** — Completed 16 of 25 passes for 206 yards and a touchdown in victory over River Forest. On defense he had nine tackles three assists and a fumble recovery.

■ **Sergio DelReal (Whiting)** — Caught five passes for 86 yards and a touchdown.

■ **Adam Torreano (Munster)** — Gained 106 yards on 21 carries in 20-6 victory over Hammond High.

■ **Mike Bagull (Munster)** — Completed 10 of 18 passes for 129 yards and two touchdowns in victory over Hammond.

■ **Steve Miller (Hammond)** — Completed nine of 18 passes for 181 yards in loss to Munster.

■ **Jim Crosek (Griffith)** — Caught only two passes in 44-0 rout of Gary Mann, but both were for touchdowns, 31 and 15 yards.

■ **Kosi Pickett (Gary West)** — Led all rushers in game against Lake Station with 91 yards on 13 carries. He scored on a two-yard run and had an interception on defense.

■ **John Slaven (Hammond Morton)** — Gained 83 yards on 11 rushes, scored a touchdown and passed for a 19-yard TD in 19-6 victory over Gary Wirt. On defense, he had five tackles, recovered a fumble and intercepted a pass.

■ **Jim Carlson (Lowell)** — Connected on six passes for 159 yards and two touchdowns and gained 54 yards and scored another touchdown on 16 rushes in victory over Rensselaer.

■ **Troy Huseman (Lowell)** — Had three catches for 73 yards and two touchdowns.

■ **Dan Branderiburg (Rensselaer)** — Completed eight passes for 124 yards and a touchdown and rushed for 48 more yards in loss to Lowell.

■ **Ollie Ewing (North Newton)** — Caught six passes for 103 yards and three TDs in loss to Rochester.

■ **Joe Ercus (Lake Central)** — Ran for three touchdowns in a 27-0 victory over East Chicago.

Defense

■ **Shawn Lemmons (Andrean)** — The senior linebacker had five solos, two assists, one sack for minus-13 yards, a fumble recovery and a QB hurry.

He also double-teamed to help hold Noll all-state candidate Damon Scheidt to just two catches. Lemmons also ran for three short touchdowns.

■ **Etinnie Burnett (Andrean)** — The 5-10, 188-pound senior nose tackle had seven solos and five assists, caused a fumble and had two QB hurries.

■ **Don Bankhead (Merrillville)** — Junior defensive back was in on six tackles and intercepted a pass in 18-0 win over Crown Point.

■ **Victor Garcia (Merrillville)** — The senior defensive back figured in seven tackles and recovered a fumble.

■ **Chad Scutchfield (North Judson)** — The senior linebacker had five assists, two solo tackles and a fumble recovery. He also was 5 for 5 on conversion attempts.

■ **John Palyok (Hobart)** — Bruising linebacker was credited with 13 tackles, including nine assists in victory over Gary Wallace. Five tackles were for negative yardage.

■ **Eric Miller (Whiting)** — The linebacker had 10 tackles and nine assists in victory over River Forest.

■ **Chris Davenport (Whiting)** — Had eight tackles and four assists.

■ **Steve Moore (Hammond)** — Had 10 tackles and three assists in loss to Munster.

■ **Andre Jones (Hammond)** — Had six tackles and six assists against Munster.

■ **Erik Ast (River Forest)** — The junior linebacker had seven tackles and a fumble recovery in victory over Whiting.

■ **Shawn Sylvie (Lowell)** — Had five solo tackles and six assists in vicotry over Rensselaer.

■ **Jason Sanders (Kankakee Valley)** — Had five tackles, three assists and five quarterback pressures in loss to Hammond Gavit.

■ **Shawn Grevenstuk (Kankakee Valley)** — Had seven tackles and two assists.

■ **Chris Trzeciak, Jay Hawkins, Vinnie Ponda (Chesterton)** — Each had 6½ tackles in loss to South Bend Riley.

PANTHER STATS

1. Game# 1 Record: Win 1 Loss 0

2. Scoring

	1	2	3	4	OT	Total	Avg.
Opponent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Griffith	23	7	7	7	0	44	44

3. Off. Plays

	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg.
Opponent	30	10	40	40
Griffith	30	4	34	34

4. 1st Downs

	Rush	Pass	Pen.	Total	Avg.
Opponent	4	1	1	6	6
Griffith	9	3	1	13	13

5. Total Off.

	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg.
Opponent	69	12	81	81
Griffith	273	78	351	351

6. Fumbles

	No.	Recovered	Lost
Opponent	4	2	2
Griffith	3	1	2

7. Passing

	Attemp.	Com.	Pct	Yds	TD	Int
Djukic	2	2	100	46	2	0
Wasserman	2	1	50	32	0	0
Griffith	4	3	75	78	2	0
Opponent	10	2	20	12	0	0

8. Receiver

	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Longest
Crosek	2	46	23	2	31
Massa	1	32	32	0	32
Griffith	3	78	26	2	32
Opponent	2	12	6	0	8

9. Rusher

	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Longest
Mathews	5	44	8.8	0	26
Lamb	4	61	15.3	1	33
Djukic	3	24	8	1	12
Garvey	2	19	9.5	0	19
Polites	1	2	2	0	2
Wasserman	3	70	23.3	1	57
Worosz	4	25	6.3	1	10
Leslie, T.	4	8	2	0	3
Murdock	1	14	14	0	14
Leslie, S.	1	3	3	0	3
Harwood	1	3	3	0	3
Dewes	1	0	0	0	0
Griffith	30	273	9.1	4	57
Opponent	30	69	2.3	0	19

Punts	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Block	Longest
Vobich	1	42	42		42
Griffith	1	42	42		42
Opponent	4	106	26.5		35

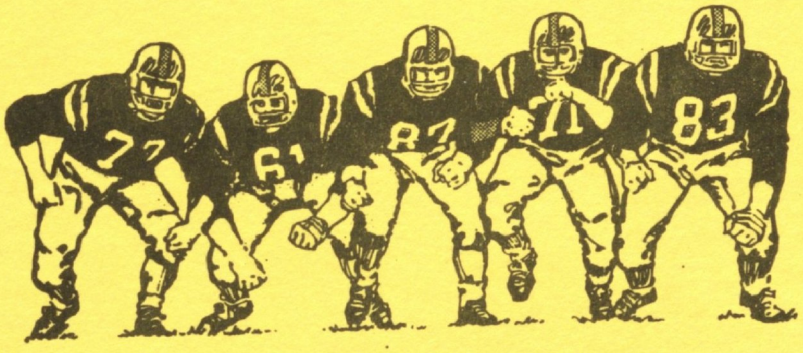
Kickoff	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Longest
Sutton	6	289	48.2	51
Murdock	1	44	44	44
Griffith	7	333	47.6	51
Opponent	2	43	21.5	23

Punt Ret.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Longest
Lamb	1	-12	-12	0	-12
Garvey	1	17	17	0	17
Griffith	2	5	2.5	0	17
Opponent	—	—	—	—	—

K.O.Ret.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Longest
Griffith					
Opponent	7	101	14.2	0	26

Scoring	Rush	Pass	Pat 1	Pat 2	Safety	KO Ret	Fum Rec.	FG	Pun R	Int.	Total
Crosek		2									12
Lamb	1										6
Djukic	1										6
Worosz	1										6
Wasserman	1										6
Sutton			4								4
Murdock			2								2
Schreiber					1						2
Griffith	4	2	6	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	44
Opponent	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

LOWELL



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Panthers' offense rolls over Lowell

By TIM PHILLIPS
Times Correspondent

LOWELL – While coach Les Thornton isn't quite yet ready to admit it, his Griffith football team is looking stronger and stronger.

The high-flying Panthers rolled up 407 yards in total offense and ripped outmanned Lowell 42–6 Friday night. The win was Griffith's second in two outings and first in defense of its 1989 Lake Suburban Conference football championship.

"It's nice to be in the top 10, but we're basically there because of where we finished last year," Thornton said. "I think fourth may be the highest ranking we've ever had, but I'm sure we're not the best 3A team in the state."

Lowell might think otherwise after the beating it took from Griffith last night.

The Panthers wasted little time taking command, driving 77 yards in 10 plays and taking a 6–0 lead on Clint Lamb's 13 yard run.

Lowell (1–1) turned the ball over on its next two possessions and Griffith capitalized on both opportunities to put the game away early. Senior quarterback Alex Djukic connected with flanker Jim Crosek on a 44–yard touchdown pass to put Griffith up 14–0. Crosek then intercepted a Jim Carlson pass on Lowell's next possession and then teamed up with Djukic again, this time on a 60–yard touchdown pass on the first play of the second quarter for a 21–0 Panther lead.

Carlson finally broke through for the Red Devils, scoring from 43 yards out on a quarterback option keeper to cut the deficit to 21–6.

But Nick Matthews 1–yard run midway through the second quarter put Griffith up 28–6 at the half and the Panthers never looked back.

Thornton was pleasantly surprised with his new-found passing game, which complements the Panthers' traditionally wishbone ground attack.

"Djukic is throwing the ball well and we've got quite a player in Jim Crosek, both on offense and defense," Thornton said. "That's four touchdown passes now for him in two games and we don't usually throw too much."

Jim Garvey and Scott Leslie added touchdown runs in the second half as Thornton rested his regulars in preparation for a meeting with conference rival Munster next week.

"My only goal right now is to be better next week than we were tonight," Thornton said.

	GRI	LOW
Net Yards Rushing	279	106
Net Yards Passing	128	7
Total yards gained	407	113
First Downs	14	5
Passes att/comp/int	4/3/0	9/1/1
Punts/avg.	2/35	6/30
Penalties/yards	3/29	0/0
Fumbles/lost	2/0	2/1

SCORING BY QUARTERS

GRIFFITH	14 7 7 14–42
LOWELL	0 6 0 0–6

INDIVIDUAL SCORING

G – Clint Lamb, 13 run (kick failed)
G – Jim Crosek, 44 pass from Alex Djukic (Lamb run)
G – Crosek, 60 pass from Djukic (Scott Sutton kick)
L – Jim Carlson, 43 run (kick failed)
G – Nick Matthews, 1 run (Sutton kick)
G – Tim Garvey, 8 run (Sutton kick)
G – Scott Leslie, 3 run (Sutton kick)

Local standings

Duneland Conference

	CON. W	CON. L	ALL W	ALL L	PF	PA
Hobart	1	0	2	0	63	12
Merrillville	1	0	2	0	40	0
Portage	1	0	2	0	48	34
M.C. Rogers	0	0	2	0	39	6
Valparaiso	0	1	1	1	44	56
LaPorte	0	1	0	2	20	27
Chesterton	0	1	0	2	0	35

Lake Shore Conference

	CON. W	CON. L	ALL W	ALL L	PF	PA
Ham. Gavit	0	0	2	0	18	6
Hammond	0	0	1	1	58	20
Ham. Morton	0	0	1	1	25	20
Ham. Noll	0	0	1	1	31	44
Ham. Clark	0	0	1	1	29	50

Lake Suburban Conference

	CON. W	CON. L	ALL W	ALL L	PF	PA
Griffith	1	0	2	0	86	6
Lake Central	1	0	2	0	30	0
Highland	1	0	1	1	46	33
Calumet	0	0	0	2	22	44
Munster	0	1	1	1	26	38
Lowell	0	1	1	1	28	54
Crown Point	0	1	0	2	0	21

Northwestern Conference

	CON. W	CON. L	ALL W	ALL L	PF	PA
Gary Roosevelt	0	0	1	0	14	6
Gary Wallace	0	0	1	1	42	36
Gary Mann	0	0	1	1	6	44
Gary West	0	0	0	2	22	40
Gary Wirt	0	0	0	2	24	54

NW Hoosier Conference

	CON. W	CON. L	ALL W	ALL L	PF	PA
River Forest	1	0	2	0	52	20
Lake Station	1	0	2	0	26	14
Rensselaer	1	0	1	1	41	34
North Judson	0	1	1	1	41	13
North Newton	0	1	0	2	32	63
Kank. Valley	0	1	0	2	0	26

Independents

	W	L	PF	PA
Andrean	2	0	65	32
Whiting	0	2	20	52
East Chicago	0	2	0	40

Indiana Top 10 How They Fared

INDIANAPOLIS — How The Associated Press Top 10 Indiana high school football teams fared last week:

Class 5A

1. Carmel (2-0) beat Anderson Madison Heights 48-14.
2. Penn (2-0) beat Mishawaka 24-7.
3. Indpls Ben Davis (1-1) lost to No.9 Warren Central 16-14.
4. Castle (1-1) lost to Evansville Bosse 22-20.
5. FW Northrop (2-0) beat 2A No.6 FW Luers 19-0.
6. VALPARAISO (1-1) lost to 4A No.1 HOBART 34-6.
7. Indpls Washington (2-0) beat Indpls Northwest 34-0.
8. LAKE CENTRAL (2-0) beat CROWN POINT 3-0.
9. Warren Central (2-0) beat No.3 Indpls Ben Davis 16-14.
10. Southport (2-0) beat Hamilton Southeastern 34-17.

Class 4A

1. HOBART (2-0) beat 5A No.6 VALPARAISO 34-6.
2. Franklin Central (2-0) beat Greenfield 47-21.
3. DeKalb (2-0) beat New Haven 10-7.
4. Evansville Reitz (2-0) beat Ev.Central 17-0.
5. SB Washington (2-0) beat SB Riley 20-6.
6. Pendleton Heights (2-0) beat S.Dearborn 23-16.
7. East Central (1-1) lost to Harrison, Ohio 31-0.
8. ANDREAN (2-0) beat WIRT 35-18.
9. Vincennes (2-0) beat 3A No.10 Tell City 27-16.
10. Goshen (0-2) lost to 3A No.5 SB St.Joseph's 27-3.

Class 3A

1. FW Dwenger (2-0) defeated FW Snider 19-10.
2. Tipton (2-0) beat Blackford 34-9.
3. Charlestown (2-0) beat N.Harrison 18-6.
4. GRIFFITH (2-0) beat LOWELL 42-6.
5. SB St.Joseph's (2-0) beat 4A No.10 Goshen 27-3.
6. Indpls Roncalli (1-1) beat Indpls Manual 20-8.
7. BISHOP NOLL (1-1) beat WEST SIDE 17-14.
8. Crawfordsville (1-1) beat Frankfort 38-6.
9. Evansville Memorial (1-1) beat Ev.Mater Dei 35-20.
10. Tell City (0-2) lost to 4A No.9 Vincennes 27-3.

Class 2A

1. Western Boone (2-0) beat Clinton Prairie 56-12.
2. South Spencer (2-0) beat Southridge 50-14.
3. Frankton (2-0) beat Centerville 48-7.
4. Rochester (2-0) beat Oak Hill 17-7.
5. Cass (1-1) lost to Northwestern 12-8.
6. FW Luers (0-2) lost to 5A No.5 FW Northrop 19-0.
7. Tri-West (1-1) beat Cascade 19-0.
8. North Judson (1-1) lost to LAKE STATION 13-6.
9. Eastside (2-0) beat Central Noble 35-14.
10. Zionsville (2-0) beat Westfield 43-13.

Class A

1. Springs Valley (2-0) beat Paoli 14-7.
2. Bremen (2-0) beat New Prairie 22-14.
3. South Decatur (2-0) beat Indpls Park Tudor 48-0.
4. Sheridan (2-0) beat Tri-Central 12-9.
5. South Putnam (1-1) lost to No.8 N.Putnam 19-0.
6. North Miami (2-0) beat Northfield 71-7.
7. Southwood (1-1) lost to Whitko 21-0.
8. North Putnam (2-0) beat No.5 S.Putnam 19-0.
9. Tecumseh (1-1) lost to Pike Central 14-8.
10. Jimtown (0-2) lost to LaVille 15-6.

Friday's high school football

Merrillville	22	River Forest	20
Chesterton	0	Kankakee Valley	0
Portage	21	Gary Mann	6
LaPorte	20	Calumet	0
#4 (3A) Griffith	42	Gary Roosevelt	14
Lowell	6	Hammond Morton	6
Highland	32	Rensselaer	29
Munster	6	North Newton	12
#8 (4A) Andrean	35	M.C. Rogers	13
Gary Wirt	18	East Chicago	0
#7 Hammond Noll	17	Hammond	52
Gary West	14	Chicago Carver	0
Gary Wallace	36	Hammond Clark	17
Mishawaka Marian	7	Chicago Hirsch	12
Lake Station	13	Hammond Gavit	12
#8 (2A) No. Judson	6	St. Francis deSales	6

Griffith buries Lowell

By Pam Mucha
Staff writer

LOWELL — Griffith played "eat the clock" Friday night, using sustained drives in its wishbone offense to rock Lowell 42-6 in the Lake Suburban Conference football opener for both teams.

Griffith which has scored 86 points in its first two games, no doubt fortified its Class 3A, No. 4 Associated Press ranking.

"Right now, I don't think we're the best 3A football team in the state," Panther coach Les Thornton said. "I think we've got to get a lot better for next week's game against Munster. So, my only goal right now is to be better next week than we were tonight."

Griffith (2-0) scored on its first two possessions and looked impressive throughout.

"If you can't stop the wishbone," Lowell coach Paul Cesaretti said, "they're going to keep the ball and time's going to run out."

The Panthers used a five-minute, 77-yard drive en route to their first touchdown, a 13-yard run by halfback Clint Lamb.

Scott Sutton's kick was blocked, but he converted his four other attempts.

"That's our game plan every week," Thornton explained. "To have sustained drives, eat the clock, play possession football, not throw a lot."

However, Griffith quarterback Alex Djukic chose his passes well. Two of the three attempted by the senior went for touchdowns, both to 6-foot-2 split end Jim Crosek.

"Djukic is throwing the ball well, and we've got a fine football player in Crosek both on offense and defense," Thornton said. "He made a great stretch for the ball on that second one, which I thought might have been a little overthrown.

"That's four touchdown passes for him in two games and we don't throw very much."

The Djukic-to-Crosek combination accounted for Griffith's second and third scores, both times coming on the Panthers' first play from scrimmage.

The first, a 44-yard play, came after Sutton recovered a fumbled Lowell pitch; the other, just one minute into the second quarter, was a 60-yard effort.

It was 21-6 at halftime. Lowell's touchdown, the only points allowed by Griffith in two games, was scored by quarterback Jim Carlson, who sprinted around right end with 2:08 left before halftime.

"(Carlson's) got so much character," Cesaretti said of his quarterback, who also played defensive back. "There's something inside him driving him to be the best."

Despite the 15-point halftime deficit, Griffith and Lowell were nearly even in rushing at the break, 97 to 96, respectively.

"I wasn't real happy with our defense in the second quarter," Thornton said. "We weren't defending the option very well, and we better be defending the option. We're an option football team.

"But, we made some adjustments at halftime and we did put some pressure on the quarterback."

By comparison, Lowell (1-1) managed just 27 yards rushing the second half, seven passing, and did not cross midfield.

Thornton, who worked in several reserves as the game progressed, saw Nick Mathews, Tim Garvey and Scott Leslie score on second-half runs.

"I thought we had more sustained drives tonight than we did last week (44-0 victory over Gary Mann)," Thornton said.

Griffith gained 281 yards rushing and 128 passing. Lamb rushed for 93 yards on 10 attempts; Mathews had 45 and Garvey 42.

Two lost fumbles and an interception by Crosek hurt Lowell; both lost fumbles led to Griffith touchdowns.

"They're trying," Thornton said of the Red Devils, who opened with a victory over Rensselaer last week. "They've got to overcome that hump and it's awful tough in this conference."

GRIFFITH	14	7	7	14	—42
LOWELL	0	6	0	0	—00

SCORING

G — Lamb 13 run (kick blocked)
G — Crosek 44 pass from Djukic (Lamb run)
G — Crosek 60 pass from Djukic (Sutton kick)
L — Carlson 43 run (kick failed)
G — Mathews 2 run (Sutton kick)
G — Garvey 8 run (Sutton kick)
G — S. Leslie 2 run (Sutton kick)

STATISTICS

	G	L
First downs	17	6
Yards rushing	281	121
Yards passing	118	7
Passes	3-4	1-9
Intercepted by	1	0
Punts — avg. yards	2-31	5-33.4
Fumbles — lost	3-0	3-2
Penalties — yards	3-39	2-10

Warren Central downs Ben Davis

The Associated Press

Patrick Evens kicked a 32-yard field goal as No. 9 Warren Central upset No. 3 Indianapolis Ben Davis 16-14 in Indiana High School football action Friday night.

The Class 5A squads played toe-to-toe, with Ben Davis holding a 14-13 edge going into the third quarter. Central recovered a fumble on Ben Davis' 23-yard line, setting up Evens' kick.

No. 1 Carmel easily defeated Anderson Madison Heights 48-14 in another 5A clash.

Anderson jumped to a quick 7-0 lead on a 55 yard run by Billy Jones. But Carmel's power emerged as the Greyhounds scored the next five touchdowns. Jere Gladden led Carmel with two touchdown and 41 yards rushing.

State roundup

Jeremey Lowry gain 102 yards rushing and scored three touchdowns to lead No. 2 Penn to a 24-7 victory over Mishawaka in another Class 5A contest. Each team suffered nine penalties, Mishawaka for 88 yards and Penn for 78.

Also in 5A, No. 5 Fort Wayne Northrup downed the No. 6 squad in Class 2A, Fort Wayne Luers, 19-0. Northrup gained on two long runs: an 85-yard punt return by Carl Woods and an 85-yard run by Jermain Walker.

In South Bend, No. 5 Washington downed Riley 20-6 in a Class 4A matchup. Dennis Maenhout threw for one touchdown and ran for another. Calvin Davis also had a touchdown run.

The No. 3 squad in Class 4A, DeKalb, edged New Haven 10-7. The deciding points came on a 24-yard field goal by Tom Allison.

No. 2 Franklin routed Greenfield 47-21 as Brian Beckman passed for two touchdowns and LaRon Moore ran for two more.

In Class 3A, Mike Tolle won his 100th victory as No. 2 Tipton rolled past Blackford 34-9. Doug Phifer scored two touchdowns and gained 105 yards on 20 carries.

The top 3A squad, Fort Wayne Dwenger, held off Fort Snider 19-10, while Griffith, No. 4, rolled past Lowell 42-6 aided by two touchdowns from Tom Crosek.

No. 10 Tell City lost to Class 4A's ninth-ranked squad, Vincennes, 27-16.

HIGH SCHOOL

Associated Press poll

With first-place votes in parentheses, records and rating points (420 possible in Class 5A, 400 in 4A, 380 in 3A, 360 in 2A, and 300 in A).

■ Class 5A

1. Carmel	(19)	2-0	416
2. Penn	(1)	2-0	356
3. F.W. Northrop		2-0	291
4. Warren Central	(1)	2-0	281
5. Ind. Washington		2-0	249
6. LAKE CENTRAL		**2-0**	**182**
7. Southport		2-0	164
8. Ind. Ben Davis		1-1	153
9. MERRILLVILLE		**2-0**	**90**
10. Castle		1-1	67

Others with votes: Marion 54, Ind. North Central 41, Ind. Perry Meridian 38, Elkhart Central 25, F.W. North 25, Seymour 16, **Valparaiso 16, Gary Wallace 14,** Martinsville 8, **Portage 8,** Bloomington South 7, Ind. Howe 7, Lafayette Jeff 6, Warsaw 6.

■ Class 4A

1. HOBART	**(18)**	**2-0**	**385**
2. Franklin Central	(1)	2-0	344
3. Evansville Reitz	(1)	2-0	274
4. DeKalb		2-0	267
5. S.B. Washington		2-0	221
6. ANDREAN		**2-0**	**209**
7. Vincennes		2-0	180
8. Pendleton Heights		2-0	161
9. Evansville Bosse		2-0	100
10. Harrison (Tippecanoe)		1-1	49

Others with votes: East Central 38, Ind. Pike 33, S.B. Clay 32, Homestead 25, **Highland 22,** Greenwood 21, Franklin County 12, New Haven 7, F.W. South 6, Goshen 6, **Hammond Morton 6.**

■ Class 3A

1. F.W. Dwenger	(13)	2-0	341
2. Tipton	(1)	2-0	298
3. S.B. St. Joseph's	(1)	2-0	281
4. GRIFFITH	**(2)**	**2-0**	**269**
5. Charlestown	(2)	2-0	259
6. Ind. Roncalli		1-1	150
7. HAMMOND NOLL		**1-1**	**127**
8. Evansville Memorial		1-1	122
9. Crawfordsville		1-1	119
10. Ind. Chatard		2-0	65

Others with votes: Jasper 49, Whitko 34, Northwestern 23, Salem 20, Carroll (Allen) 16, Angola 14, Danville 14, Yorktown 14, Western 12, Mississinewa 9, Tell City 9, Ind. Cathedral 7, Triton Central 7, F.W. Harding 6, Lakeland 6, North Montgomery 6, Owen Valley 6.

■ Class 2A

1. Western Boone	(13)	2-0	332
2. South Spencer	(4)	2-0	318
3. Frankton		2-0	277
4. Rochester	(1)	2-0	246
5. Eastside		2-0	191
6. Tri-West		1-1	156
7. Zionsville		2-0	154
8. F.W. Luers		0-2	70
9. Cass		1-1	60
10. Lawrenceburg		1-1	54

Others with votes: Linton 51, North Knox 45, Heritage Hills 38, **North Judson 34,** Hagerstown 33, Monrovia 15, Evansville Mater Dei 13, West Lafayette 10, **River Forest 9,** Fairfield 8, Sullivan 8, Glenn 7, **Lake Station 7,** Oak Hill 6, Paoli 6, Seeger 6.

■ Class A

1. Springs Valley	(9)	2-0	271
2. Bremen	(3)	2-0	264
3. South Decatur	(2)	2-0	226
4. Sheridan		2-0	203
5. North Putnam	(1)	2-0	179
6 North Miami		2-0	162
7. South Putnam		1-1	87
8. South Adams		2-0	53
9. Clinton Central		2-0	52
10. Tecumseh		1-1	51

Others with votes: North Vermillion 49, Southwood 45, Churubusco 27, Frontier 23, South Central (LaPorte) 21, Eastern Hancock 16, Rockville 16, Edinburgh 15, Attica 14, Jimtown 12, Lafayette Catholic 10, Tri-Central 7.

Weekly football honor roll

Athletes who also received consideration for Post-Tribune football player of the week honors:

Offense

■ **Alex Costa (Lake Station)** — Quarterback had five carries for 31 yards, scored on a two-yard run and kicked an extra point as the Eagles beat Class 2A, No. 8 North Judson for the first time since 1976.

■ **William Wilkes (Gary Roosevelt)** — In a 14-6 victory over Hammond Morton, Wilkes led all rushers with 85 yards on 16 carries, including a nine-yard TD run.

■ **Michael Headen (Gary Roosevelt)** — Headen, who led the Panthers in rushing last year, gained 66 yards in 13 trips in victory over Morton.

■ **Clint Lamb (Griffith)** — The senior halfback gained 98 yards on 11 carries, scored one touchdown and ran for a two-point conversion as the Class 3A, No. 4 Panthers beat Lowell 42-6.

■ **Alex Djukic (Griffith)** — Two of the three passes attempted by the senior quarterback went for touchdowns: 44- and 60-yard plays. He also threw two touchdown passes the previous week.

■ **Jim Crosek (Griffith)** — Caught a pair of TD passes (44, 60 yards) against Lowell, and had an interception on defense.

■ **Rick Yudt (Portage)** — The 6-foot-7 quarterback scored twice on one-yard runs, including the game-winning TD in overtime vs. LaPorte, and passed 21 yards to Erik Scheier for the third.

■ **Aaron Pendleton (Portage)** — Tailback gained 87 of the Indians' 165 yards rushing on 18 carries.

■ **Mike Hutka (Portage)** — Kicked three conversions vs. LaPorte, including the winning point in a 21-20, overtime victory.

■ **Jamel Williams (Merrillville)** — Sophomore gained 156 yards on 21 carries, including a 28-yard touchdown, during a 22-0 victory over Chesterton.

■ **Vance Fyock (Chesterton)** — Gained 84 of Chesterton's 107 yards rushing on 15 carries, despite a shutout loss to Merrillville.

■ **Ed Schroeder (North Judson)** — Gained 67 of the Bluejays' 93 yards rushing in a loss to Lake Station.

■ **Anthony Alfano (River Forest)** — Led the Ingots to a shutout of Kankakee Valley with 69 yards on 12 carries and a two-yard TD run; also threw a 22-yard scoring pass.

■ **Dan Brandenburg (Rensselaer)** — Scored on runs of 54 and 30 yards and threw a 44-yard scoring pass in victory over North Newton.

■ **Brandon Biggs (North Newton)** — Quarterback completed 12 of 25 passes for 133 yards, including a one-yard TD sneak.

■ **Brian Mish (Andrean)** — The 59er quarterback threw TD passes of 35, 32 and 31 yards en route to a 35-18 victory over Gary Wirt. He completed 7 of 12 passes for 129 yards.

■ **Carlton Potts (Gary Wirt)** — Quarterback passed for three touchdowns, of 43, 11 and 10 yards, in a loss to Andrean.

■ **Tom Eckerty (Hammond Gavit)** — Scored both touchdowns against St. Francis deSales for the undefeated Gladiators, on runs of five and two yards. He picked up 80 yards on 12 attempts.

■ **Steve Miller (Hammond)** — Threw a 63-yard TD pass on Hammond's first play from scrimmage. He finished with 111 yards on just 3 of 4 attempts, as the Wildcats beat Chicago Carver 52-0.

■ **Martell France (East Chicago)** — Despite a 13-0 loss to Michigan City Rogers, the junior tailback ran 16 times for 111 of EC's 180 yards rushing.

■ **Kenny Adkins (Hammond Clark)** — In victory over Chicago Hirsch, he ran for a 62-yard touchdown and threw a 32-yard pass for another.

■ **Lovell White (Gary Mann)** — Rushed for 46 yards on just five attempts in 6-0 victory over Calumet.

■ **Earl Billingsley (Gary Wallace)** — Junior ran 10 times for 70 yards, including TDs of five and four yards, in 36-7 win over Mishawaka Marian.

■ **Art Haggard (Gary Wallace)** — Senior scored on a 64-yard run and ran for a pair of two-point conversions vs. Mishawaka Marian.

■ **Kosi Pickett (Gary West)** — Accounted for all of West's scoring vs. Noll, on TD runs of 11 and two yards, plus a conversion run.

■ **Matt Gelon (Lake Central)** — Senior kicker hit a 34-yard field goal in a 3-0 win over Crown Point at the Hoosier Dome. He also punted four times in the second half for a 38.7 average.

■ **Chip Pettit (Crown Point)** — Completed 13 of 26 passes for 140 yards in 3-0 loss to Lake Central.

■ **Brian Fattore (Hobart)** — Last week's offensive honoree scored on runs of five, 35 and two yards in the Class 4A, No. 1 Brickies' 34-6 victory over Class 5A, No. 6 Valparaiso at the Hoosier Dome. He rushed for 127 yards.

■ **Bill Manolopoulos (Hobart)** — Kicked four conversions in Hobart's victory over Valpo.

■ **Brian Pavich (Valparaiso)** — Caught five passes for 72 yards in Dome loss to Hobart.

■ **Jeff Allard (Whiting)** — In the second and third quarters during a 20-0 loss to South Central in the Hoosier Dome, he rushed for 77 yards on 17 attempts.

Defense

■ **Nick Mathews (Griffith)** — Had 5 solo tackles and 7 assists in win over Lowell.

■ **Eric Schreiber (Griffith)** — Contributed 7 solos, 3 assists and fumble recovery against Lowell.

■ **Brian White (Gary Wallace)** — The senior defensive end returned an interception 52 yards for a touchdown. He also had two solo stops and seven assists in win.

■ **Art Stahl (Hammond Morton)** — Sophomore had 12 solo stops and an assist in 14-6 loss to Gary Roosevelt.

■ **Mike Johnson (Morton)** — The junior had seven solos and three assists.

■ **John Hurt (Lake Station)** — Senior linebacker contributed seven tackles and four assists in victory over North Judson.

■ **Derrick Messer (Lake Station)** — Added eight solos and one assist vs. North Judson.

■ **Aaron Highberger (Chesterton)** — Had 13 tackles and four assists in a loss to Merrillville.

■ **Rick Kuric (North Judson)** — Led the Bluejays with eight tackles and four assists against Lake Station.

■ **Cubby Rose (Kankakee Valley)** — Despite a loss to River Forest, the senior linebacker had 11 tackles, two sacks and five assists.

■ **Tim Vanderhere (Kankakee Valley)** — Senior contributed 11 tackles, four assists and a fumble recovery vs. River Forest.

■ **Brian Vance (Lowell)** — Led the Red Devils with nine tackles and nine assists in a loss to Class 3A, No. 4 Griffith.

■ **Ollie Ewing (North Newton)** — Despite a loss to Rensselaer, he recovered three fumbles, intercepted a pass and knocked down a pass.

■ **Chad Rutledge (North Newton)** — Contributed 11 tackles and caused a fumble vs. Rensselaer.

■ **Tony Macielak (Andrean)** — Had 10 tackles and an interception for the Class 4A, No. 8 59ers during a victory over Gary Wirt.

■ **Jim Baron (Hammond Gavit)** — Led the Gladiators defensively with 10 tackles in victory over St. Francis deSales.

■ **Bob O'Rourke (Hammond Clark)** — Junior linebacker had eight tackles and two interceptions as the Pioneers beat Chicago Hirsch 17-12.

■ **Jamie Kirin (Hammond Clark)** — Contributed 10 tackles in victory over Chicago Hirsch.

■ **Bryan Apolskis (Crown Point)** — Free safety had 10 tackles in 3-0 loss to Lake Central at Hoosier Dome.

■ **Chris Myres (Crown Point)** — Contributed seven tackles, one assist and a sack vs. LC.

Griffith Rolls Over Red Devils 42-6

The Griffith Panthers used their punishing wishbone attack to pound the Lowell Red Devils 42-6 in the opening Lake Suburban Conference contest for both schools Aug. 31 at LHS.

"We knew what they could do, they run the wishbone very well, but I thought we could do a better job on defense," said the disappointed Lowell Coach Paul Cesaretti. "We couldn't stop the wishbone, & when you can't, they keep the ball and run out the clock with it."

Despite heroics by Jim Carlson on offense for Lowell (1-1) and Brian Vance on defense, the Red Devils never really had a chance to thwart the powerful Panthers (2-0) who racked up a 10-1 record as Lake Suburban champs in 1989 before losing a sectional matchup to the eventual 3A state champs from Bishop Noll.

Griffith took the opening kick-off and marched 77 yards in 10 consecutive running plays to score on a 13-yard jaunt up the middle by Clint Lamb. Vance blocked the PAT kick by Scott Sutton, however, and Griffith led 6-0 with just five minutes elapsed.

Lowell had tasted some success on the ground themselves on the ensuing possession before a fumbled pitch from Carlson to Lee Childress at the Griffith 49 was recovered by Sutton for the Panthers.

It took Griffith QB Alex Djukic just one play to find 6'2" split end Jim Crosek breaking away from the defense along the sideline. Djukic hit Crosek on the run and he trucked into the end zone for a 44-yard score. Lamb ran in the two-point conversion and Griffith went ahead 14-0, still with 3:49 left in the first quarter.

Two plays after Sutton's kick off, Crosek intercepted Carlson's first pass attempt and Griffith was back in business on their own 39. The Panthers were soon forced to punt, however, and the quarter ended with Lowell on the attack.

Childress gained six yards, but that was all the stingy Panthers allowed as Lowell soon punted the ball back to Griffith. Djukic looked for a quick strike and found Crosek open again on the first play from scrimmage, this time for a 60-yard aerial TD and, with Sutton's PAT kick, a 21-0 lead.

"We knew they would look for the pass...they are consistnet but didn't try any surprises," said Cesaretti. "We just couldn't get their for the coverage."

"We had some success on the ground, but not enough to open up our passing game. Welcome to the Lake Suburban Conference," the LHS coach added.

Lowell's fans had something to cheer about before the half, however, when Carlson's sheer determination gave Lowell its lone TD.

Operating on first-and-10 from the Griffith 43 with just over two minutes left in the first half, Carlson swept around end, slipped a foot tackle and lunged into the end zone to cap an exciting 43-yard scoring run. A fumble on the PAT attempt left the score 21-6 at the half.

"Jimmy (Carlson) has so much character...he is just driven to be the best," said Cesaretti of his quarterback's heroics. "He goes both ways for us and never gives up."

Neither did Griffith, however, as the Panthers recovered another Lowell fumble early in the third stanza and Nick Mathews capitalized with a two-yard TD run five plays later. Sutton's kick made it 28-6.

Lowell managed just one first down before punting on its next two possessions, and Griffith responded with two long and time-consuming drives that ended in an eight-yard TD run by Tim Garvey and a two-yard scoring scamper by Scott Leslie. Sutton kicked the PAT both times for the final margin.

Vance finished with nine tackles and nine assists for Lowell, which faces Benton Central this Fri., Sept. 7, at 7:30 p.m. at Lowell.

"Now I've got to start all over and build the confidence of these kids back up, after four and a half weeks of working on that and the win at Rensselaer. We are back to the beginning, but we'll get it done, because we are building something here, and it takes time," commented Cesaretti.

"Griffith as a winning tradition, and that's something we are hungry to get. It won't happen overnight, but we have to forget about this loss and move on. Benton Central beat a ranked 1A team in Lafayette Central Catholic, so we have to be ready for them."

Scoring By Quarters

Griff.	14	7	7	14-42
Lowell	0	6	0	0- 6

Individual Scoring

G - Clint Lamb, 13-yd. run (Scott Sutton kick blocked by Brian Vance).

G - Jim Crosek, 44-yd. pass from Alex Djukic (Lamb run).

G - Crosek, 60-yd. pass from Djukic (Sutton kick).

L - Jim Carlson, 43-yd. run (Skip Drew run failed).

G - Nick Mathews, 2-yd. run (Sutton kick).

G - Tim Garvey, 8-yd. run (Sutton kick).

G - Scott Leslie, 2-yd. run (Sutton kick).

Team Statistics	Grif.	Lo.
1st Downs	15	6
Rushes/Yds.	53/282	26/125
Passes/Com.	4/3	9/1
Passing/Yds.	127	7
Interc.	1	0
Fumbles/Lost	2/0	3/2
Total Yds.	409	132
Punts/Avg.	2/32	5/34
Kickoff/Avg.	6/42.5	2/26.5
Punt Ret/Yds.	3/28	1/1
Kickoff Ret./yds	2/0	7/83

PANTHER STATS

1. Game# 2 Record: Win 2 Loss 0

2. Scoring

	1	2	3	4	OT	Total	Avg.
Opponent	0	6	0	0	0	6	3
Griffith	37	14	14	21	0	86	43

3. Off. Plays

	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg.
Opponent	57	19	76	38
Griffith	82	8	90	45

4. 1st Downs

	Rush	Pass	Pen.	Total	Avg.
Opponent	10	2	1	13	6.5
Griffith	24	6	2	32	16

5. Total Off.

	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg.
Opponent	188	19	207	103.5
Griffith	553	205	758	379

6. Fumbles

	No.	Recovered	Lost
Opponent	8	4	4
Griffith	6	4	2

7. Passing

	Attemp.	Com.	Pct	Yds	TD	Int
DJUKIC	5	4	80	150	4	0
WASSERMAN	3	2	67	55	0	0
Griffith	8	6	75	205	4	0
Opponent	19	3	16	19	0	0

8. Receiver

	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Longest
CROSEK	4	150	37.5	4	60
MASSA	1	32	32	0	32
MACISZAK	1	23	23	0	23
Griffith	6	205	34.2	4	60
Opponent	3	19	6.3	0	8

9. Rusher

	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Longest
MATHEWS	17	91	5.4	1	26
LAMB	15	159	10.6	2	34
DJUKIC	9	38	4.2	1	12
GARVEY	9	54	6	1	19
POLITES	4	30	7.5	0	18
WASSERMAN	4	70	17.5	1	57
WOROSZ	8	55	6.9	1	24
LESLIE,T.	6	10	1.7	0	3
MURDOCK	2	14	7	0	14
LESLIE,S.	4	25	6.3	1	15
HARWOOD	3	7	2.3	0	5
DEWES	1	0	0	0	0
Griffith	82	553	6.7	8	57
Opponent	57	188	3.3	1	43

Punts	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Block	Longest
VERBICH	3	107	35.7		43
Griffith	3	107	35.7		43
Opponent	9	270	30		38

Kickoff	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Longest
SUTTON	8	379	47.4	51
MURDOCK	1	44	44	44
SUTKOWSKI	5	205	41	44
Griffith	14	628	44.9	51
Opponent	4	94	23.5	36

Punt Ret.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Longest
LAMB	1	-12	-12	0	-12
GARVEY	2	27	13.5	0	17
POLITES	1	12	12	0	12
WASSERMAN	1	0	0	0	0
CROSEK	1	14	14	0	14
MURDOCK	1	13	13	0	13
Griffith	7	54	7.7	0	17
Opponent	1	1	1	0	1

K.O.Ret.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Longest
WOROSZ	1	-1	-1	0	-1
LOPEZ	1	1	1	0	1
Griffith	2	0	0	0	1
Opponent	14	181	12.9	0	26

Scoring	Rush	Pass	Pat 1	Pat 2	Safety	KO Ret	Fum Rec.	FG	Pun R	Int.	Total
CROSEK		4									24
LAMB	2			1							14
DJUKIC	1										6
WOROSZ	1										6
WASSERMAN	1										6
SUTTON			8								8
MURDOCK			2								2
SCHREIBER					1						2
MATHEWS	1										6
GARVEY	1										6
LESLIE,S.	1										6
Griffith	8	4	10	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	86
Opponent	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6

MUNSTER



Post-Tribune Friday, September 7, 1990

Deep, talented backfield sparks Griffith

By Al Hamnik
Staff writer

GRIFFITH — Each afternoon at practice, Coach Les Thornton sees more backs than a chiropractor.

There's Nick Mathews, Clint Lamb, Alex Djukic, Tim Garvey, Bill Polites, Don Wasserman, Mike Worosz, Todd Leslie, Jerry Murdock, Scott Leslie, Keith Harwood and Russ Dewes.

They average 5-foot-9 and 165 pounds and look more like the neighborhood paperboy.

For a glass of milk and one large cookie, guess what they do?

Correct. They run the football at Griffith High School. And quite effectively, too.

"We don't have 1,000-yard rushers. We may not have had one since I've been here and that's because of the wishbone," said Thornton. "A guy's not going to carry the ball enough to get 1,000 yards in our offense.

"Our typical back has probably been something like Garvey this year or (Mike) Raketich last year. Not real tall. Fairly quick, but not a blazer. Fairly muscular."

Add two words, please. Determined. Dedicated.

In the season opener with Gary Mann, Thornton had 12 different ball carriers.

Last week against Lowell, he used 11.

True, neither school is a football power. But Lowell has 300 more students than Griffith; Mann 400.

"We don't emphasize any one back," said Thornton. "What we really want is to get ALL of our backs to carry the football."

In two games, his Class 3A No. 4-ranked Panthers have rushed 82 times for 553 yards — a 6.7 average.

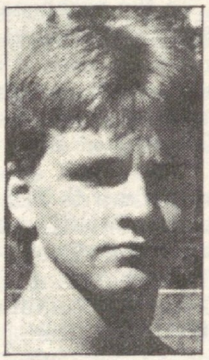
Lamb, a left halfback, has 159 yards in 15 carries entering tonight's game at Munster. That's a 10.6 average. Mathews, a fullback, has the most carries — 17 for 91 yards.

Quarterbacks Djukic and Wasserman, combined, have run 13 times for 108 yards — an 8.3 average.

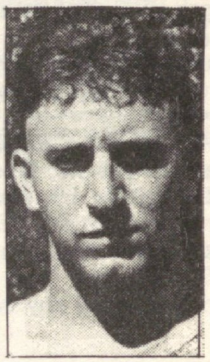
"Our first two games this year, we were able to substitute a lot and just kept moving the ball," said Thornton, whose team boasts an 86-6 scoring advantage. "What has happened in the past is that a lot of times, we'll move the ball really well against Mann and Lowell. Then all of a sudden, we won't move the ball because the defenses will be so much better.

"Then it gets to be nitty-gritty time and we have to be a very good defensive team ourselves, because we're not going to run up and down the field against a Munster or Crown Point or Lake Central. We never do.

"I do think, this year, that we have more capability for passing the ball. We haven't thrown much so far, but have been very effective when we have. Djukic has completed four of five passes for four touchdowns — all to (Jim) Crosek, who's out, by the way, with a broken foot.


Lamb


Djukic


Mathews

"So we lost our leading scorer, our best linebacker and our punt returner — in one player. He'll be out two or three weeks."

Crosek averages 37.5 yards per catch.

Last season, Griffith outscored its opponents 345-69.

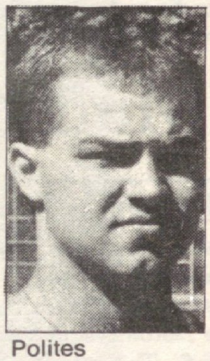
The year before that, it was 317-109.

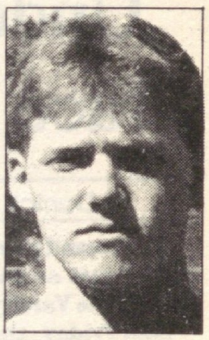
To say Thornton pours it on would be totally unfair.

"There's some teams that have good running backs


Garvey


Worosz


Polites


Wasserman

who don't move the football because of the linemen," he said. "If you have a real great running back, maybe you can move the ball some without much blocking. But if you've got some decent linemen up front and a solid back, you're going to move the football. And if you have great linemen, you're probably going to win state.

"Evidently, from what I've heard and on the basis of two games (Gary Wallace, Valparaiso), Hobart's got very good running backs *and* very good linemen. Nobody has been able to stop them."

Lamb, Garvey, Polites, Worosz and Murdock give Thornton the most depth at halfback he's ever had.

Quickness? Griffith has enough to make opponents sweat on a cool day.

Mathews runs the 40-yard dash in 4.9. Lamb is a 4.6, Djukic 4.8, Garvey 4.8, Polites 4.9, Wasserman 4.8, Worosz 4.6, Todd Leslie 4.9, Murdock 4.9 and Scott Leslie the "slowest" at 5.0.

"You can't key on anyone in our backfield," said Thornton, stating a simple truth. "It's not like someone running a tailback out of the I-formation. You can't say, 'Hey, their tailback's the key. He's the only guy we've got to worry about. Stop the tailback.'

"Stop him, and many times, they don't have much else unless they've got a throwing quarterback. With us, who are you going to stop? Lamb? Mathews? I think you can take our fullback away from us if you want to. But if so, then what are you going to do about Lamb on one side, Garvey on the other, and Djukic at quarterback?"

Pray a lot.

"In the wishbone, if you have a balanced backfield, it's very difficult to defense it because you've got four people coming at you who can all run the ball," said Thornton.

"Years ago, about '76, I had a backfield with Mike Blythe, Larry Szafasz, Pete Klovanish and Scotty Baker and all four of 'em had over 500 yards rushing. To me, that's ideal for the wishbone. I had over 2,000 yards rushing from my starting backfield, but it was split up almost equally among the four of 'em.

"I think we have the potential for that kind of balance this season."

Griffith's frequent lack of overall size and depth in the line hasn't stopped it from beating bigger schools like Crown Point, Munster — and yes — even Lake Central.

"How do you explain the fact we've been able to do it and Lowell or Calumet can't do it? They're even bigger than we are," said Thornton. "Hobart's won like that. They're not a big school, enrollment-wise, and they've still dominated the Duneland Conference.

"You'd think Portage or Merrillville, somebody who's big, would dominate (the Duneland)."

Thornton had 33 players attend wishbone camp this summer, which gives his offense a distinct advantage over other schools early in the season.

Although he once fantasized how it would be to coach at a successful 5A school, the dream has slowly died.

"I don't spend too much time on it anymore because I'm not going to coach that much longer. I'm not in that situation and I'm not likely to be in that situation," said Thornton, whose 164-86-1 record spans nearly 26 seasons.

"Reality's right here in Griffith. I'll just take my 60 kids, our little guys, and somehow try to keep winning."

THE PANTHER PRESS

Still "Bad to the Bone"

Undefeated Panthers face Munster tonight

By Darrick Ramsey

The second game of the season proved just as successful as the first for the Varsity football team.

Last Friday, the football team defeated Lowell 42-6. The team came out of the locker room rolling with three big touch downs before the half. Through Lowell turn overs they were able to score two more times in the second half.

"The line really played tough and team wise we did real good," said senior Jim Crosek who also scored a total of four touchdowns in two games.

"The team has played very well so far this season" said linemen Coach Dick Reyome .

The Panthers also defeated Gary Horace Mann 44-0 in the season opener. The offense had a combined yardage over 300 yards as the defense worked to shut-out the Horace Mann drives."Horace Mann made a good opening opponent," said Reyome.

The players were pleased but not satisfied with their performance. In both games the offense and defense played well. "The lines played their hearts out." said Crosek. Senior Alex Djukic said "I feel confident; things are looking up."

The team is expected to play better as the season progresses. However, the Panthers face tough upcoming opponents Crown Point and Lake Central in September.



Varsity player junior Don Wasserman looks long while senior Jeff Harder defends him against on rushing opponents during last week's game against Lowell.

Tonight the team travels to play Munster , who lost last week to the Highland Trojans 32-6. This will be the second Lake Suburban Conference game for the Panthers, who hope to win it outright in a repeat of last season.

Griffith rolls by Munster

The Times

Saturday, September 8, 1990

By RON BROW
Times Sports Editor

MUNSTER – One would think Griffith football coach Les Thornton would be sitting on top of the world.

After all, his Class 3A fourth-ranked Panthers are now 3–0 after knocking off Munster 28–6 Friday night in Lake Suburban Conference play. But Thornton knows what's lurking ahead.

"It doesn't mean a lot when you have Crown Point next week," Thornton said. "It's a long season for us. I just want to be healthy and we're hurt already."

Griffith, with all-conference linebacker Jim Crosek out indefinitely with a broken foot, overcame determined Munster by scoring twice in the third quarter on touchdown passes by Alex Djukic.

"Munster came out to play tonight," Thornton said. "Leroy (Marsh) got their attention during the week and they came out and came to play. They kind of manhandled our line a little bit the first half and surprised us with their defense to take away our trap and inside stuff."

Munster (1–2) trailed just 7–6 at the half before Djukic went to work. The senior hit Neil Miklusak with an 8–yard touchdown pass to complete a 12–play, 52–yard drive with 3:17 left in the third quarter and followed with a 26–yard touchdown pass to Clint Lamb with 1:35 after a Nick Matthews' interception.

"We've got the quarterback to throw the ball and we've got the receivers," Thornton said of Djukic, who has now thrown for two touchdowns in each of Griffith's victories.

"He was our starting safety last year and I made the decision that he's be the quarterback this year. He went up to wishbone camp and did a nice job and took over the leadership."

Djukic, who ranks sixth in his class, completed 6–of-16 passes for 105 yards. He also rushed 10 times for 32 yards and a touchdown.

"Munster got our attention and we came out and played a little tougher the second half," Thornton said. "We made a few adjustments in the second half. Basically it was just a matter of toughening up and playing harder the second half."

Despite suffering its second straight loss, Munster's Marsh wasn't totally displeased with the Mustangs' performance.

"Last week (a 32–6 loss to rival Highland) we had a total breakdown in our football program in every phase," Marsh said. "I'm very proud of our football team and the score doesn't indicate it but we played about 300 times better than we have this season."

But Marsh felt it was Griffith's experience that allowed the Panthers to pull away in the second half.

"Griffith's an experience football team and I think it showed in the second half," Marsh said. "We're going to be okay. Even though the score doesn't indicate it, our football team took a step forward tonight and we're a much better football team tonight than we were last week." Munster junior Adam Torreano rushed for 154 yards.

	GRIF	MUN
Net Yards Rushing	165	165
Net Yards Passing	105	14
Total yards gained	270	179
First downs	14	8
Passes att/comp/int	16/6	12/1
Punts/avg.	3/36.7	3/25
Penalties/yards	7/65	4/35
Fumbles/lost	1/0	3/2

SCORING BY QUARTERS

GRIFFITH	0	7	14	7	–28
MUNSTER	6	0	0	0	– 6

INDIVIDUAL SCORING

M – Mike Bagull, 1 run (kick failed)
G – Alex Djukic, 1 run (Scott Sutton kick)
G – Neil Miklusak, 8 pass from Djukic (Sutton kick)
G – Clint Lamb, 26 pass from Djukic (Sutton kick)
G – Lamb, 1 run (Sutton kick)
Officials: Rich Boer, John Goss, Bob Machnic, Terry Bley



Times photo by Robert Milkowski

Griffith's Alex Djukic tries to break away form a Munster tackler Friday night.

Griffith passes up Munster

MUNSTER — Quarterback Alex Djukic threw two, third-quarter touchdown passes to break open a close game as Class 3A, fourth-ranked Griffith defeated Munster 28-6 Friday night in a Lake Suburban Conference football game.

Djukic, who scored on a 1-yard run in the second quarter, threw scoring passes of 8 yards to Neil Miklusak and 26 yards to Clint Lamb. Tim Garvey added a 1-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter, and Scott Sutton kicked all four conversions for the Panthers (3-0, 2-0).

Djukic completed 6 of 16 passes for 104 yards and rushed 11 times for 33 yards. Lamb carried nine times for 72 yards, and Nick Mathews added 55 yards on 10 attempts.

Munster junior tailback Adam Torreano gained 165 yards on 20 carries, and linebacker Tim Coziatek had 10 tackles. Quarterback Mike Bagull gave the Mustangs (1-2, 0-2) a 6-0 first-quarter lead with a 1-yard run.

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SCORING

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G — Garvey 1 run (Sutton kick)

STATISTICS

	G	M
First downs	15	9
Yards rushing	165	181
Yards passing	107	14
Passes	6-17	1-11
Intercepted by	0	2
Punts — avg. yards	3-37	3-23
Fumbles — lost	1-0	3-2
Penalties — yards	6-50	5-55

Friday's high school football

#1 (4A) Hobart	31	Gary Roosevelt	20
#6 (4A) Andrean	14	Gary Mann	6
#6 (5A) Lake Central	43	Lake Station	12
Calumet	0	River Forest	0
#9 (5A) Merrillville	21	Kankakee Valley	23
Portage	20	North Newton	0
#4 (3A) Griffith	28	Rensselaer	20
Munster	6	North Judson	17
Gary Wallace	18	Benton Central	12
#7 (3A) Ham. Noll	12	Lowell	8
M.C. Rogers	17	Hammond Morton	22
Valparaiso	10	Chicago Carver	0
LaPorte	12	Hammond Gavit	46
Chesterton	6	Chicago Amundsen	6
Crown Point	23	Hammond Clark	12
Highland	0	Chicago St. Martin	8

Weekly football honor roll

Other players who were nominated for Post-Tribune offensive or defensive player of the week.

OFFENSE

■ **Jeff Allard and Jim Verta (Whiting):** Allard carried 28 times for 168 yards and scored two touchdowns in a 25-24 loss to Caston. Verta, in his first start at quarterback, completed 11 of 23 passes for 179 yards and three touchdowns.

■ **Sherman Back (North Judson):** Rushed for 148 yards on 19 carries in a 20-17 loss to Rensselaer.

■ **Earl Billingsley, Lydell Evans** and **Arthur Haggard (Gary Wallace):** Each gained more than 100 yards in an 18-12 victory over Class 3A, No. 7 Hammond Noll. Billingsley had 157 yards and scored two touchdowns — all in the second half — despite recovering from a pulled groin muscle. Haggard added 129 yards, and Evans had 107.

■ **Alex Djukic (Griffith):** Threw two touchdown passes and ran for another score in a 28-6 victory over Munster. He completed six passes for 104 yards.

■ **Tom Eckerty** and **Craig Fantin (Hammond Gavit):** Eckerty gained 175 yards on 15 carries, including touchdown runs of 30 and 24 yards, in a 46-6 victory over Chicago Amundsen. Fantin passed for 134 yards, including touchdowns covering 38 and 61 yards.

■ **Vance Fyock (Chesterton):** Scored the Trojans' first points of the season on a 71-yard run in a 12-6 loss to LaPorte. He finished with 129 yards rushing.

■ **Joe Jumonville (Hammond Noll):** Completed 11 of 22 passes for 132 yards and two touchdowns against Gary Wallace.

■ **David Kraus (Crown Point):** Had three receptions for 127 yards, including a 59-yard scoring pass from flanker Bryan Apolskis, in a 23-0 victory over Highland.

■ **John Sabik (Lake Central):** Gained 119 yards on 12 carries and scored two touchdowns in a 43-0 victory over Calumet.

■ **Adam Torreano (Munster):** Gained 165 yards on 20 carries against Griffith.

■ **Jamel Williams (Merrillville):** Gained 92 yards on 25 carries and scored two overtime touchdowns in a 21-20 victory over Portage. Williams also blocked a conversion attempt in the overtime.

DEFENSE

■ **Nathan Beller** and **Bob O'Rourke (Hammond Clark):** Beller had 13 solo tackles, and O'Rourke added 12 in a 12-8 victory over Chicago St. Martin. Both are linebackers.

■ **Tim Coziatek (Munster):** Had 10 tackles against Griffith.

■ **Jason Frekot (Merrillville):** The linebacker had nine tackles, three for minus-yardage, against Portage.

Griffith, Lake Central roll again

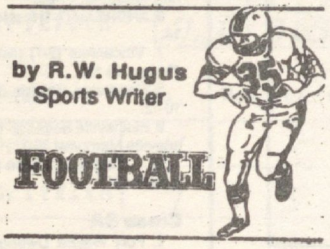
Anyone who has an interest in high school football and has watched the results of the first three weeks of the season, might draw the conclusion that the race for the championship is down to a two team contest.

These two teams, Griffith and Lake Central, have posted 3-0 records, and have defenses that just don't give up many points.

Griffith kept its perfect record intact Friday night as it fell behind Munster 6-0 and then came back to beat the Mustangs, 28-6.

When Mike Bagull scored for Munster in the first quarter it represented the first points allowed by the Panthers in three games as they have now outscored their opponents, 114-6.

by R.W. Hugus
Sports Writer



The rest of the scoring belonged to Griffith as the Class 4A fourth-ranked team went ahead 7-6 on a one-yard run by Alex Djukic, and the first of four extra points by Scott Sutton.

Djukic also figured in the next two scores for the Panthers as he hooked up with Neil Miklusak on an eight-yard scoring pass, and then with Clint Lamb on a 26-yard touchdown toss.

The Panthers are known for their running game, but in this contest they were outrushed by Munster 181 yards to 165 due largely to the efforts of Adam Torreano, who rushed for 165 yards.

Lake Central scored only three points in the first quarter Friday night, but poured it on from there as it shut out Calumet, 43-0. The Indians have now recorded three straight shutouts while scoring 73 points in their three games.

Matt Gelon opened the scoring with a 42-yard field goal, and then later added four extra points. Also getting on the board for Lake Central were Jeremy Baugh on runs of five and 20 yards, John Sabki on runs of 12 and 15 yards, Joe Ercus on an eight-yard run, and Nat Davis on a one-yard run.

The Indian defense held Calumet to just four first downs, 72 yards rushing, just eight yards passing, intercepted a pass, and recovered two fumbles. The offense ran for 278 yards, while getting 14 first downs.

Highland had a down night Friday as it was scored upon in every quarter and fell to Crown Point, 23-0.

Crown Point came into the game without having scored a point this season, but was able to drop the Trojans to 1-2 on the season.

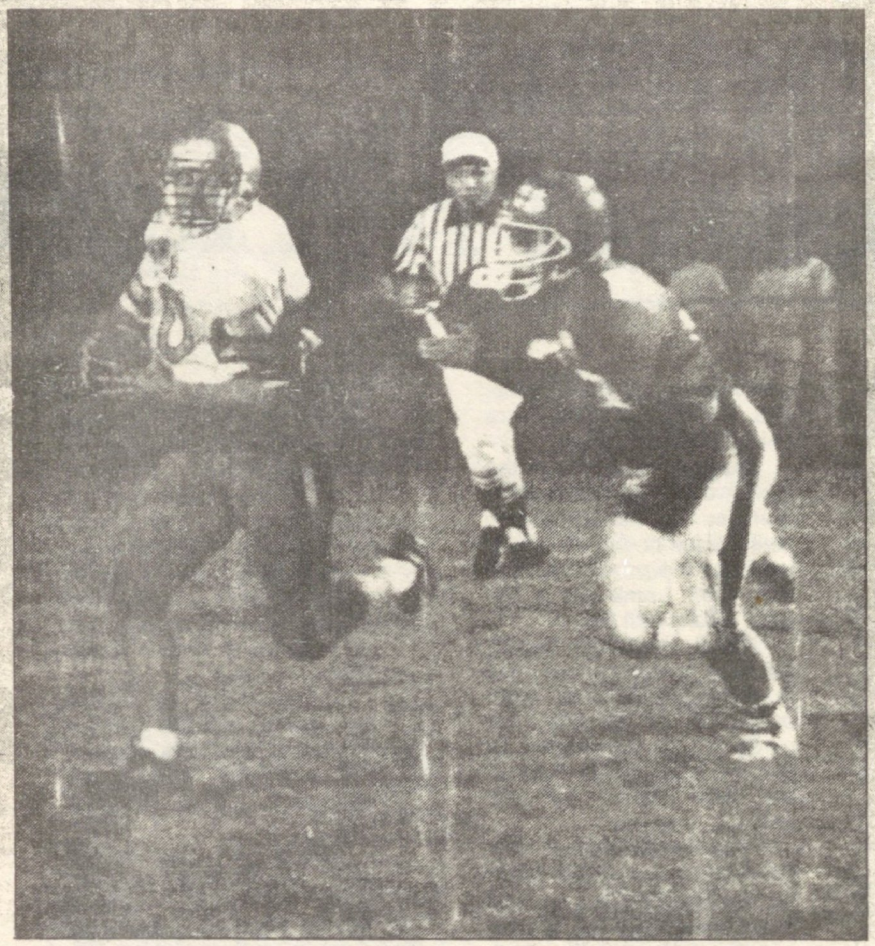
Bishop Noll fell behind early Friday night, and despite 12 fourth quarter points, couldn't come back as it fell to Lew Wallace, 18-12. The Warriors came into the game ranked number seven in Class 3A, but the loss dropped them to 1-2 on the year.

All of the fourth quarter scoring was provided by the passing combination of Joe Jumonville to Damon Scheidt as the two hooked up on strikes of nine and 13 yards. For the contest Noll was out rushed 457 yards to 27 as the Hornet Wishbone offense took its toll.

Lake Suburban Conference standings now show Griffith and Lake Central ahead of the pack with 2-0 records followed by Highland and Crown Point 1-1, Calumet and Lowell 0-1, and Munster 0-2.

This week's schedule is again heavy with LSC play. Friday Calumet will be at Highland, Crown Point at Griffith, and Munster at Lowell. In non-conference games Bishop Noll will be at East Chicago and Lake Central at Portage.

Looking for an out



NEWS Photo/Randy Nieter

Griffith quarterback Don Wasserman (10) looks for a way out from Munster's Dave Cenko. The game was close until Griffith broke out its passing game. The Panthers downed the Mustangs 28-6.

PREP FOOTBALL

INDIANA

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—The Associated Press Indiana high school football polls, with first-place votes in parentheses, records and rating points (420 possible in Class 5A and 4A, 380 in 3A, 320 in 2A, and 300 in A):

Class 5A

1. Carmel (15), 3-0, 390
2. Penn (5), 3-0, 352
3. Warren Central (1), 3-0, 292
4. LAKE CENTRAL, 3-0, 245
5. Indpls Ben Davis, 2-1, 205
6. MERRILLVILLE, 3-0, 178
7. Marion, 3-0, 135
8. Ft.Wayne North 3-0, 131
9. Indpls Perry Meridian, 2-0, 70
10. Ft.Wayne Northrop, 2-1, 67

Others with votes: Indpls Washington 49, Southport 39, Ev. Central 31, Seymour 27, Indpls Howe 27, Indpls N.Central 22, Elkhart Central 21, Lafayette Jeff 14, Bloomington South 16, MICHIGAN CITY ROGERS 14, Castle 12, LEW WALLACE 9, Martinsville 7, Mishawaka 7, Lawrence Central 6, Muncie South 6.

Class 4A

1. HOBART (18), 3-0, 406
2. Franklin Central (1), 3-0, 366
3. Evansville Reitz (2), 3-0, 365
4. DeKalb, 3-0, 281
5. S.Bend Washington, 3-0, 256
6. Pendleton Hts., 2-1, 155
7. ANDREAN, 2-1, 145
8. Lafayette Harrison, 2-1, 106
9. Indpls Pike, 3-0, 85
10. Evansville Bosse, 2-1, 67

Others with votes: Vincennes 61, Greenwood 59, Mt. Vernon (Posey) 44, S.Bend Clay 37, Franklin County 32, Ft. Wayne South 29, MORTON 20, HIGHLAND 9, New Haven 9.

Class 3A

1. Ft.Wayne Dwenger (14), 3-0, 346
2. Tipton (1), 3-0, 310
3. S.Bend St.Joseph's (2), 3-0, 300
4. GRIFFITH (2), 3-0, 275
5. Indpls Roncalli, 2-1, 199
6. Evansville Memorial, 2-1, 168
7. Jasper, 3-0, 136
8. Whitko, 3-0, 100
9. Charlestown, 2-1, 92
10. Indpls Chatard, 2-1, 52

Others with votes: Northwestern 49, Mississinewa 39, New Palestine 31, Salem 30, Owen Valley 27, GAVIT 18, Lakeland 17, BISHOP NOLL 14, Triton Central 7, Crawfordsvile 7, Indpls Cathedral 6, Edgewood 6, Eastbrook 6, North Montgomery 6.

Class 2A

1. Western Boone (12), 3-0, 303
2. South Spencer (3), 3-0, 288
3. Rochester (1), 3-0, 232
4. Frankton, 3-0, 230
5. Eastside, 3-0, 201
6. Cass, 2-1, 134
7. Lawrenceburg, 2-1, 132
8. Ft.Wayne Luers, 1-2, 110
9. North Knox, 3-0, 74
10. Linton, 2-1, 60

Others with votes: Zionsville 31, Monrovia 23, Clarksville Providence 20, Hagerstown 18, Glenn 12, Winamac 10, Lake Station 8, Tri-West 7, Evansville Mater Dei 6, Greencastle 6.

Class A

1. Springs Valley (10), 3-0, 268
2. Bremen (3), 3-0, 256
3. South Decatur (1), 3-0, 217
4. North Putnam (1), 3-0, 169
5. North Miami, 3-0, 166
6. Clinton Central, 3-0, 162
7. South Adams, 3-0, 137
8. South Putnam, 2-1, 88
9. Tecumseh, 2-1, 84
10. Sheridan, 2-1, 60

Others with votes: Southwood 21, Churubusco 20, North Vermillion 18, Frontier 8, Rockville 7, Tri-High 7, Jimtown 6, Eastern Hancock 6.

ILLINOIS

Here are the Top Ten prep football teams in each of the six classes as selected by a statewide panel of sportswriters (includes records)

Class 6A

1. East St Louis Sr. (2-0)
2. St. Rita (2-0)
3. Evanston (2-0)
4. HOMEWOOD-FLOSSMOOR (2-0)
5. Conant (2-0)
6. Naperville Central (2-0)
7. THORNWOOD (2-0)
8. Naperville North (2-0)
9. Elgin (2-0)
10. Downers Grove South (2-0)

Class 5A

1. MT. CARMEL (2-0)
2. Richwoods (2-0)
3. Wheaton Central (2-0)
4. Bloomington (2-0)
5. Kankakee (2-0)
6. O'Fallon (2-0)
7. Fenwick (2-0)
8. Bolinbrook (2-0)
9. Shepard (2-0)
10. Chicago Simeon (1-1)

Class 4A

1. Morris (2-0)
2. Joliet Catholic (2-0

How top 10 football teams fared

Here's how the Top 10 Associated Press Indiana high school football teams fared in weekend action:

Class 5A

1. Carmel (3-0) beat Noblesville 21-6.
2. Penn (3-0) beat South Bend Riley 50-0.
3. Fort Wayne Northrop (2-1) lost to Fort Wayne North 40-14.
4. Warren Central (3-0) beat Indianapolis Arlington 35-7.
5. Indianapolis Washington (2-1) lost to Indianapolis Scecina 15-12.
6. **LAKE CENTRAL (3-0) beat CALUMET 43-0.**
7. Southport (2-1) lost to 4 No.2 Franklin Central 20-0.
8. Indianapolis Ben Davis (2-1) beat Indianapolis North Central 16-14.
9. **MERRILLVILLE (3-0) beat PORTAGE 21-20 2OT.**
10. Castle (1-2) lost to Evansville Central 10-7.

Class 4A

1. **HOBART (3-0) beat No.6 ANDREAN 31-14.**
2. Franklin Central (3-0) beat 5A No.7 Southport 20-0.
3. Evansville Reitz (3-0) beat Evansville Harrison 30-7.
4. DeKalb (3-0) beat East Noble 21-0.
5. South Bend Washington (3-0) beat Elkhart Memorial 21-20.
6. **ANDREAN (2-1) lost to No. 1 HOBART 31-14.**
7. Vincennes (2-1) lost to Mount Vernon (Posey) 16-13.
8. Pendleton Heights (2-1) beat Yorktown 19-12.
9. Evansville Bosse (2-1) lost to 3A No.8 Evansville Memorial 25-7.
10. Lafayette Harrison (2-1) beat West Lafayette 12-3.

Class 3A

1. Fort Wayne Dwenger (3-0) beat Fort Wayne Wayne 26-6.
2. Tipton (3-0) beat Elwood 28-15.
3. South Bend St. Joseph's (3-0) beat Warsaw 29-7.
4. **GRIFFITH (3-0) beat MUNSTER 28-6.**
5. Charlestown (2-1) lost to Madison, 28-8.
6. Indianapolis Roncalli (2-1) beat Indianapolis Brebeuf 47-6.
7. **HAMMOND NOLL (1-2) lost to GARY WALLACE 18-12.**
8. Evansville Memorial (2-1) beat 4A No.9 Evansville Bosse 25-7.
9. Crawfordsville (1-2) lost to New Palestine, 14-10.
10. Indianapolis Chatard (2-1) lost to Indianapolis Howe 22-0.

Class 2A

1. Western Boone (3-0) beat Lebanon 35-0.
2. South Spencer (3-0) beat North Posey 41-0.
3. Frankton (3-0) beat Knightstown 62-0.
4. Rochester (3-0) beat Northfield 21-0.
5. Eastside (3-0) beat Fairfield 27-26 OT.
6. Tri-West (1-2) lost to Edgewood 27-6.
7. Zionsville (2-1) lost to Hamilton Heights 33-16
8. Fort Wayne Luers (1-2) beat Fort Wayne Elmhurst 27-0.
9. Cass (2-1) beat Culver Military 31-15.
10. Lawrenceburg (2-1) beat Greensburg 36-14.

PANTHER STATS

1. Game# 3 Record: Win 3 Loss 0

2. Scoring

	1	2	3	4	OT	Total	Avg.
Opponent	6	6	0	0	0	12	4
Griffith	37	21	28	28	0	114	38

3. Off. Plays

	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg.
Opponent	92	29	121	40.3
Griffith	122	24	146	48.7

4. 1st Downs

	Rush	Pass	Pen.	Total	Avg.
Opponent	17	3	2	22	7.3
Griffith	34	11	2	47	15.7

5. Total Off.

	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg.
Opponent	371	33	404	134.7
Griffith	726	309	1035	345

6. Fumbles

	No.	Recovered	Lost
Opponent	11	5	6
Griffith	7	5	2

7. Passing

	Attemp.	Com.	Pct	Yds	TD	Int
DJUKIC	21	10	47.6	254	6	0
WASSERMAN	3	2	67	55	0	0
Griffith	24	12	50	309	6	0
Opponent	29	4	13.8	33	0	2

8. Receiver

	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Longest
CROSEK	4	150	37.5	4	60
MASSA	1	32	32	0	32
MACISZAK	1	23	23	0	23
MIKLUSAK	2	21	10.5	1	13
BELL	1	27	27	0	27
LAMB	3	56	18.7	1	26
Griffith	12	309	25.7	6	60
Opponent	4	33	8.3	0	14

9. Rusher

	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Longest
MATHEWS	27	146	5.4	1	26
LAMB	24	231	9.6	2	34
DJUKIC	20	71	3.5	2	12
GARVEY	12	57	4.8	2	19
POLITES	4	30	7.5	0	18
WASSERMAN	8	73	9.1	1	57
WOROSZ	9	57	6.3	1	24
LESLIE,T.	7	11	1.6	0	3
MURDOCK	3	18	6	0	14
LESLIE,S.	4	25	6.3	1	15
HARWOOD	3	7	2.3	0	5
DEWES	1	0	0	0	0
Griffith	122	726	6	10	57
Opponent	92	371	4	2	59

Punts	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Block	Longest
VERBICH	6	222	37		50
Griffith	6	222	37		50
Opponent	12	339	28.2		38

Kickoff	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Longest
SUTTON	9	427	47.4	51
MURDOCK	5	241	48.2	53
SUTKOWSKI	5	205	41	44
Griffith	19	873	45.9	53
Opponent	6	193	32.2	55

Punt Ret.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Longest
LAMB	1	-12	-12	0	-12
GARVEY	2	27	13.5	0	17
POLITES	1	12	12	0	12
WASSERMAN	1	0	0	0	0
CROSEK	1	14	14	0	14
MURDOCK	1	13	13	0	13
Griffith	7	54	7.7	0	17
Opponent	2	8	4	0	7

K.O.Ret.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Longest
WOROSZ	1	-1	-1	0	-1
LOPEZ	1	1	1	0	1
POLITES	2	48	24	0	27
Griffith	4	48	12	0	27
Opponent	19	246	12.9	0	26

Scoring	Rush	Pass	Pat 1	Pat 2	Safety	KO Ret	Fum Rec.	FG	Pun R	Int.	Total
CROSEK		4									24
LAMB	2	1		1							20
DJUKIC	2										12
WOROSZ	1										6
WASSERMAN	1										6
SUTTON			12								12
MURDOCK			2								2
SCHREIBER					1						2
MATHEWS	1										6
GARVEY	2										12
LESLIE,S.	1										6
MIKLUSAK		1									6
Griffith	10	6	14	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	114
Opponent	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12

CROWN POINT



Coach is only as good as his assistants

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Thornton



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Wroblewski

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> **— Les Thornton**
> Griffith football coach

Post-Tribune sports staff

GRIFFITH — The man keeps on winning, despite small numbers and even smaller players.

"We've been able to hold our own in the (Lake Suburban) conference. Probably one of the reasons is the coaching staff. I knew who my coaches were going to be when I left school in June," said Griffith's Les Thornton.

"I turned my weight program over to one of my coaches while I went to Florida and Michigan. I came back two days before practice started and I knew exactly who my coaching staff was going to be.

"I didn't have to have meetings all summer. I know that some of these other schools, even the bigger ones, don't have a situation like that," said Thorton. "I know that Highland was looking for varsity assistants in the middle of the summer. Here's a guy (Rick Flutka) putting ads in the paper, looking for guys just to coach. Well, he gets 'em in the middle of the summer and now he's got to *coach* them.

"I come back and my coaches all know what we're doing. I've got the same coaches, same offense, same defense, same game plan, same motivational techniques. In other words, we're consistent," said Thornton, whose Panthers are 3-0 and ranked No. 4 in Class 3A.



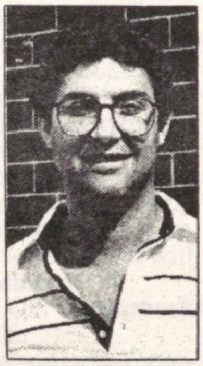
Anderson



Kiechle



Adelsperger



Carstensen



Komara

His varsity staff includes Steve Wroblewski, Dick Reyome, Jim Anderson, Jim Kiechle, Craig Adelsperger, Darryl Carstensen and Bob Komara.

"I'm fortunate in having guys coach for me who are veteran coaches. They stick with me," said Thornton.

Despite an enrollment of slightly more than 600 students, the Panthers have managed to win 22 of their last 25 games. Included is an LSC championship (1989) and a co-LSC title (1988).

"Gee whiz. Some of the schools in the area actually put ads in the paper and take whoever applies, whether they have experience or not," said Thornton. "That's got to be a disadvantage (for them). It also works to my advantage."

Local standings

■ Duneland Conference

	CON.		ALL			
	W	L	W	L	PF	PA
Hobart	1	0	3	0	94	26
Merrillville	2	0	3	0	61	20
Portage	1	1	2	1	68	55
M.C. Rogers	1	0	3	0	56	16
Valparaiso	0	2	1	2	54	73
LaPorte	1	1	1	2	32	33
Chesterton	0	2	0	3	6	47

■ Lake Shore Conference

	CON.		ALL			
	W	L	W	L	PF	PA
Ham. Gavit	0	0	3	0	64	12
Hammond	0	0	1	2	58	58
Ham. Morton	0	0	2	1	47	20
Ham. Noll	0	0	1	2	43	62
Ham. Clark	0	0	2	1	41	58

■ Lake Suburban Conference

	CON.		ALL			
	W	L	W	L	PF	PA
Griffith	2	0	3	0	114	12
Lake Central	2	0	3	0	73	0
Highland	1	1	2	1	46	56
Calumet	0	1	0	3	22	87
Munster	0	2	1	2	32	66
Lowell	0	1	1	2	36	66
Crown Point	1	1	1	2	23	21

■ Northwestern Conference

	CON.		ALL			
	W	L	W	L	PF	PA
Gary West	1	0	1	2	48	53
Gary Roosevelt	1	0	2	0	34	12
Gary Wallace	0	0	2	1	60	48
Gary Mann	0	1	1	2	12	64
Gary Wirt	0	1	0	3	37	80

■ NW Hoosier Conference

	CON.		ALL			
	W	L	W	L	PF	PA
River Forest	1	1	2	1	52	32
Lake Station	2	0	3	0	38	14
Rensselaer	2	0	2	1	61	51
North Judson	0	2	1	2	58	33
North Newton	0	2	0	3	32	86
Kank. Valley	1	1	1	2	23	26

■ Independents

	W	L	PF	PA
Andrean	2	1	79	63
Whiting	0	3	44	77
East Chicago	0	3	28	69

Griffith, CP to find LSC matchup a test

By JOHN O'MALLEY
Times Sports Writer

GRIFFITH – Although final examinations aren't scheduled until the playoffs begin in late October, a pair of Lake Suburban Conference coaching rivals insist their respective football teams face crucial tests Friday.

While both teams will attempt to take the other to class when No. 4, Class 3A Griffith (3-0, 2-0) hosts unranked Class 5A Crown Point (1-2, 1-1) in a key LSC matchup, winning or losing might not be quite as important as learning.

"I'd say this is our first real test of the year," Griffith coach Les Thornton said. "Munster tested us a little bit early, but couldn't sustain it. We've been fairly explosive and have been able to run and pass, but we haven't really overwhelmed anyone's line.

"I feel Lake Central and Crown Point are the teams to beat in the conference because they're the strongest on paper and have the numbers, size and experience. Of course, we'd like to win the game, but I just want us to play well so I can continue to bring the team along and hopefully have them peaking when playoff time comes."

But based on the first three weeks of the season, the Panthers may have peaked already; having averaged 38 points and nearly 240 yards rushing per game out of its vaunted wishbone attack. Griffith's defense, meanwhile, has allowed only 12 points.

"Playing Griffith will be a good test for our defense because of all the assignment football defensing the wishbone requires," Crown Point coach Brad Smith said. "It's a real challenge and a pleasure to coach against Les Thornton defensively."

Griffith has won its last two meetings against the Class 5A Bulldogs, including last year's 14–12 victory at CP.

"We've sort of self-destructed against them the last two years," Smith said.

"I think they had five first downs against us last year and only one after the first period, but they returned a punt and a kickoff against us.

"Griffith has played good football against us, but we've been a little instrumental in those losses, too. We just want to come back this year and play better against them. Playing well is our main objective. There's no avenging anything as far as we're concerned. I think there's way too much of that blood-and-guts stuff anymore.

"If we lose this game, we're not going to commit suicide. On the other hand, if we win, we're going to be happy, shake their hands after the game and get ready for next week (Lowell)."

Top players for Griffith include fullback/inside linebacker Nick Mathews, quarterback Alex Djukic (six touchdown passes), halfback/cornerback Clint Lamb, inside linebacker Eric Schreiber, outside linebackers Bill Polites and Mike Bell, safety Mike Worosz and cornerback Don Wasserman.

"Our pass defense has been good (allowing 33 yards a game and only a 15 percent completion rate) so far, but it hasn't been tested like it will Friday night," Thornton said.

That's where CP quarterback Chip Pettit comes in.

The junior signal-caller has completed over 50 percent of his passes in the last two games after a dismal opening-game showing against unbeaten Merrillville.

"No doubt Chip is a key for us," Smith said. "He's going to have to throw the ball effectively against Griffith.

Top receivers for Pettit include David Kraus, Benjy Ballou and tight end Dan Kurowski.

Defensively, the Bulldogs, who blanked Highland last week 23-0, are led by middle linebacker Andy Tucker and free safety Bryan Apolskis.

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Crown Point hands Griffith first loss

Friday's high school football

		Gary Wallace	35
		Gary West	2
#4 (5A) Lake Central	35	Gary Roosevelt	20
Portage	12	Gary Wirt	0
#6 (5A) Merrillville	19	Hammond	14
M.C. Rogers	8	Hammond Morton	0
#1 (4A) Hobart	46	Hammond Gavit	12
LaPorte	3	Hammond Clark	0
#7 (4A) Andrean	51	East Chicago	27
Gary Mann	0	Hammond Noll	12
Crown Point	14	Lake Station	12
#4 (3A) Griffith	12	Whiting	0
Highland	26	River Forest	19
Calumet	8	South Central	0
Munster	26	Kankakee Valley	15
Lowell	0	Rensselaer	8
Valparaiso	18	North Judson	42
Chesterton	14	North Newton	0

By Jeff Foss
Correspondent

GRIFFITH — Anyone who thought Crown Point went on vacation after opening the season with two losses was wrong. Very wrong.

The Bulldogs are back.

And, after knocking off Class 3A, No. 4-ranked and previously unbeaten Griffith 14-12 Friday night, they are also back in contention for the Lake Suburban Conference football title.

Crown Point (2-1 LSC, 2-2 overall) snapped Griffith's nine-game conference winning streak and its 11-game regular-season win streak.

Crown Point also recorded its first victory against Griffith since 1987.

"I very pleased," Crown Point coach Brad Smith said. "We beat a good football program and we beat a good football team — period.

"We're hoping to get rolling now. We've won two straight now, and we've even proved that we can score some points. We just want to get better, and after tonight, I feel like we are improving."

Griffith (2-1, 3-1), after a CP turnover, opened the scoring when Nick Mathews scored on a 1-yard run. After the conversion kick failed, Griffith led 6-0 with 11:02 remaining in the first quarter.

Crown Point, however, answered with two straight touchdowns to lead 14-6 with 10:12 left in the half.

Mark Minch (15 carries for 62 yards) scored on 1-yard run, and Mike Pulido (21 carries for 84 yards) added a 3-yard TD run. Scott Collier kicked both conversions.

The Bulldogs' second touchdown was aided by a roughing the kicker penalty assessed to Griffith. Seven plays later, Pulido scored from the 3.

"It looked like a questionable call," Smith said of the Griffith penalty. "We got a few breaks and they got a few breaks. But we captalized on some breaks and they captalized on some breaks, and we came out two points ahead."

Mathews (49 yards, 15 carries) scored on 2-yard run at the 4:39 mark of the second period to trim CP's lead to 14-12.

The Panthers, however, failed on a two-point conversion attempt.

The TD was set up by Mike Bell, who sacked Crown Point quarterback Chip Pettit. The junior fumbled the ball on Bell's hit and the ball was recovered by Neil Miklusak at the CP 13-yard-line.

Griffith also had a 75-yard TD pass reception called back in the third quarter on a clipping penalty.

"We lost last year 14-12," Smith said. "We held them to one first down in the last three quarters. It happens.

"I feel sorry for (Griffith coach) Les Thornton. But last year, I felt sorry for Brad," Smith said. "I'm sure they'll bounce back and play good football."

In the final half, Crown Point held Griffith to three first downs, 29 yards rushing and 24 yards passing.

Additionally, Crown Point's defense stopped Griffith on its final three drives in the fourth quarter.

Chris Paramantgis intercepted an Alex Djukic pass and returned it 46 yards to halt Griffith's chances in the fourth period.

"Everybody has their own philosophy about stopping (Griffith's) wishbone," Smith said. "We primarily played assignment football.

"We've spent a lot of time learning the wishbone to the point where maybe our kids know the offense.

"We just put a lot of time in the off-season learning how the stop the 'bone."

Djukic completed seven passes for 75 yards and rushed 11 times for 72 yards.

"I thought we played well and I thought Crown Point played well," Thornton said. "Last year it was 14-12 in our favor, and they had a chance to win it, but didn't.

"Tonight it was 14-12 their favor, and we had a chance to win it, but didn't.

"But we'll be all right," Thornton said. "We lost, but maybe down the line, this will be better for us. It'll make us a better team."

CROWN POINT	7	7	0	0	—14
GRIFFITH	6	6	0	0	—12

SCORING

G — Mathews 1 run (kick failed)
CP — Minch 1 run (Collier kick)
CP — Pulido 3 run (Collier kick)
G — Mathews 2 run (pass failed)

STATISTICS

	CP	G
First downs	13	12
Yards rushing	176	112
Yards passing	0	75
Passes	2-5	7-17
Intercepted by	1	0
Punts — avg. yards	4-33	5-33.2
Fumbles — lost	3-2	3-1
Penalties — yards	9-83	3-35



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Crown Point wide receiver David Kraus breaks away from Griffith's Don Wasserman during Friday night's Lake Suburban Conference game. The Bulldogs upset the Class 3A, fourth-ranked Panthers 14-12.

Area scoring leaders

THROUGH WEEK 3
c-includes two-point conversions
fg-includes field goals

Player (School)	TD	PAT	TP
Brian Fattore (Hob)	8	0	48
Earl Billingsley (Wal)	5	0	30
c-Shawn Lemmons (And)	4	0	26
c-Kosi Pickett (West)	4	0	26
fg-Alex Costa (LS)	3	2	26
Jim Crosek (Griff)	4	0	24
Tom Eckerty (Gav)	4	0	24
Joe Ercus (LC)	4	0	24
Jamel Williams (Mer)	4	0	24
Rick Yudt (Por)	4	0	24
Dan Brandenburg (Ren)	4	0	24
c-Alfonzo Robinson (EC)	3	0	20
c-Jeff Allard (Whit)	3	0	20
Eric Gappa (NJ)	3	0	18
Ollie Ewing (NN)	3	0	18
Matt Hendershott (Por)	3	0	18
John Sabik (LC)	3	0	18
Brian Pavich (Valpo)	3	0	18
Mike Mireles (Morton)	3	0	18
Sergio DelReal (Whi)	3	0	18
William Wilkes (Roos)	3	0	18

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Bulldogs break bone

Crown Point stops Grffith wishbone

By JOHN O'MALLEY
Times Sports Writer

GRIFFITH – Because of its explosive wishbone offense and a tough defense, Griffith football is considered "Bad to the Bone."

Class 5A Crown Point's Bulldogs, however, gnawed on the 'bone' in the first half and broke it in the second, on their way to a 14–12 victory over the host No. 4 Class 3A Panthers Friday night.

CP's victory was its first over Griffith since 1987 and snapped the Panthers' 11–game Lake Suburban Conference winning streak.

"This was a big win for us; we beat a good program," CP coach Brad Smith said. "We have a lot of respect for this program and we beat a good football team. We're hoping to get rolling now. We've got two in a row now and we proved that we can even score points and play pretty good defense.

"We just want to get better. I wanted to come out of this game feeling that we got better – we're getting better."

CP's defense, however, couldn't have been much better, limiting the usually explosive Panthers, who had averaged nearly 240 yards rushing per game, to 20 rushing yards in the second half and 117 overall.

A questionable roughing the kicker penalty against Griffith on a fourth down-and–17 play with three minutes remaining in the first quarter, led to the decisive points for CP.

Mike Pulido, who rushed for 85 yards on 22 carries to lead the Bulldogs, scored CP's second touchdown 10 plays later on a three-yard run, and Scott Collier's second extra point kick gave CP a 14–6 lead with 10:12 left in the first half.

"On the roughing the kicker penalty, we didn't have a block on, we had a return on," Griffith coach Les Thornton said. "That hurt bad. And of course, the clip on the touchdown was another big mistake."

Thornton was referring to quarterback Alex Djukic's screen pass to Clint Lamb with 3:25 left in the third period that went for 75 yards and an apparent go-ahead touchdown.

"We scored two and they scored two, but we didn't convert ours (extra points) and they did," Thornton said. "I thought we played well. I thought Crown Point played well. It was just a good, hard-nosed game."

The Panthers, however, had a chance to win three times in the final 10 minutes. But in each instance, CP's defense, fueled by middle linebacker Andy Tucker, who sat out the first half because of a disciplinary suspension, and Chris Paramantgis, answered the challenge.

Paramantgis picked off a Djukic pass at the CP 40 and returned it to the Griffith 14 with 3:27 left to thwart one of the Panthers' chances.

"We lost last year 14–12 and they had five first downs," Smith said. "I feel sorry for Les, but I felt sorry for Brad last year. I know Les understands. He's a class act. They'll bounce back and play great football."

	CP	G
Net Yards Passing	-1	76
Net Yards Rushing	178	117
Total yards gained	177	193
First Downs	13	12
Passes att/comp/int	5/1/0	17/7/1
Punts/avg.	4/33.0	5/33.2
Penalties/Yds.	8–69	3–35
Fumbles/lost	2–2	3–1

SCORING BY QUARTERS

CROWN POINT	7-7–0–0–14
GRIFFITH	6–6–0–0–12

INDIVIDUAL SCORING

G – Nick Mathews 1 run (kick failed)
CP – Mark Minch 1 run (Scott Collier kick)
CP – Mike Pulido 3 run (Collier kick)
G – Mathews 2 run (pass failed)

Lake Central undefeated

After the smoke cleared Friday night there is only one undefeated area team after four weeks of play, and that school is Lake Central.

While the Indians did keep their perfect record intact by beating Portage 35-12, it did mark the first time this season that another team scored on them.

Jeff Stephens led the scoring for Lake Central as he scored on two touchdown runs, and threw a 32-yard scoring pass to Kyle Woods.

by R.W. Hugus
Sports Writer



Also scoring touchdowns via the run were John Sabik and Jeremy Baugh, while Matt Gelon booted five extra points.

Munster evened its season record at 2-2 Friday night when it shut out Lowell 26-0 in a Lake Suburban Conference game. The Mustang defense led the way as they gave up only 78 total yards, recovered a fumble, and intercepted two passes.

Graig Szasz scored two defensive touchdowns for the 'Stangs as he returned a blocked punt two yards for a score, and in the fourth quarter picked off a pass and carried it 14 yards to the end zone.

Also scoring for Munster were Adam Torreano on a nine-yard run, Mike Bagull on a four-yard run, and Greg Hobby on two extra points.

Highland also evened its' record at 2-2 Friday night, defeating Calumet, 28-8 in an LSC game.

The Trojan defense was looming large in this game as they yielded only 94 total yards, while intercepting four passes, and recovering three fumbles.

Marc Wohadlo scored twice for Highland on touchdown passes from Brian Guzek. The first covered 17 yards, and the second was good for 23 yards. Also getting into the scoring act for the Trojans were Shawn Czaja on a two-yard run, Jason Woodward on a nine-yard run, and Keith Carstensen on two extra points.

Griffith fell from the ranks of the undefeated Friday night when it lost to Crown Point 14-12, in another LSC game. All of the scoring was done in the first half, and the difference in the score was that the Panthers failed after their first touchdown to kick the extra point, and a pass for the two-point conversion failed after a second touchdown.

Nick Mathews punched in both Griffith touchdowns on runs of one and two yards. The offense managed 112 yards rushing and 75 yards passing, but the defense, while not allowing any passing yards, did give up 175 yards rushing, while recovering two fumbles.

East Chicago Central jumped out to a 21-0 halftime lead Friday night, and then went on to beat Bishop Noll, 27-12. The loss dropped the Warriors to 1-3 on the year as they could come up with only 13 yards running, while passing for 141. The defense gave up only six yards passing, but East Chicago ran for 338 yards.

Both of Noll's scores came through the air as Henry Ortiz tallied on a 12-yard pass from Joe Jumonville, and Damon Scheidt hit pay dirt on a 10-yard pass play from Terry Fife.

Lake Suburban Conference standings now show Lake Central on top with a 2-0 record, followed by Griffith, Highland and Crown Point at 2-1; Munster 1-2; and Calumet and Lowell, 0-2.

This Friday's schedule has Calumet at Griffith and Highland at Lake Central in LSC games, while in a non-conference game East Chicago Central will be at Munster.

In a Lake Shore Conference game Hammond Clark will be at Bishop Noll.

The area's scoring race is a close one as Joe Ercus (LC), John Sabik (LC), and Jim Crosek (G) all have scored 24 points. They are followed by Clint Lamb (G) 20, Jason Woodward (H) 18, Jeremy Baugh (LC) 18, Nick Mathews (G) 18, Damon Scheidt (BN) 18, and Matt Gelon (LC) 16.

Bulldogs chomps on Panthers' 14-12

Crown Point
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GRIFFITH — The Panthers' wish-bone offense in recent history has been a formidable weapon in cutting opposing teams' defenses to shreads. It seems like very few football programs in the region know what to do when Griffith throws it at them.

But when the Panthers faced Crown Point Sept. 14 on windy, chilly fall-like night associated with fall football weather, the Bulldogs, being the canines that they are, managed to gnaw at Griffith enough to beat them 14-12.

"Our team worked hard preparing for the wish-bone," Crown Point head coach Brad Smith said. "On defense we play assignment football and we rarely blitz."

The victory put the Bulldogs at .500 with a 2-2 season mark (2-1 in LSC), while the 3A fourth ranked Panthers suffered their first loss of the season leaving them at 3-1.

Early on it didn't appear like it was going to be the Bulldogs' night as Griffith recovered a fumble at the Crown Point 31 on the Bulldogs first play from scrimmage.

Then Griffith QB Alex Djukic hit halfback Clint Lamb on a 26-yard pass play which placed the ball at the 5. Two plays later fullback Nick Matthews muscled it in for the score as the Pathers were up 6-0 with less than a minute run off in the first quarter.

"Our kids could have dropped their heads after that," Smith said after the game.

But they didn't.

After Griffith missed the conversion kick, which later proved to be a crucial play in the game, David Krause took the ensuing kick-off and returned it 44 yards to the Griffith 45. A 10-yard run by Mike Pulido followed by a six-yard chunk by Mark Minch got the ball to the 29.

But two plays later the Bulldogs were faced with a fourth and two at the 27. Griffith's defense was digging in to halt any short yardage, but they were fooled when Chip Pettit pitched it to Krause on a end around and the senior wide receiver seized a lane down the right side line before he knocked out of bounds at the one.

The next play Minch ran behind the surging blocks of center Dave Eaglebarger and right guard Craig Patterson to tie the score at six.

Then Scott Collier's extra-point kick gave the Bulldogs the lead.

On Crown Point's next possession they were forced to call in punter Mike Skurka on fourth and 18 at their own 25-yard line. But Skurka was roughed and the Bulldogs' drive was kept alive.

Crown Point's offensive line then blew the Panthers off the ball as the Bulldogs marched all the way to the three before Pulido took it in on a power sweep on the 14th play of the 67-yard drive. Collier converted another extra-point kick as the Bulldogs were leading 14-6 with 10:12 seconds left in the second quarter.

But the Panthers' offense came out steaming when they got the ball back. Now they had a 'bone' to pick with Bulldogs.

Djukic connected with Matthews for 15 yards, and then the Griffith quarterback motored for 22 yards himself to bring the ball to the Crown Point 21.

However, for the second game in a row, Bulldog Scott Stutler was 'Johnny on the spot' when he recovered a Panther fumble at the 16.

But two plays later the Panthers got it back when Pettit was blind-sided and coughed up the ball which Griffith's defensive end Neil Miklusak recovered at the 14.

Three plays after that Matthews dove in for the score and the Panthers were now only down by two with the score 14-12.

Griffith decided to go for the two-point conversion to tie the game. But the pass into the end-zone was broken up and Crown Point still had the lead.

In the third quarter Griffith appeared to take the lead when Djukic swung a pass to Lamb who juked a tackler and broke away from a couple more on his way to a 75-yard touchdown run down the left side line. But the effort was wasted as a clipping penalty brought it all the way back.

But it wasn't over yet.

With 9:35 left in the game, the Panthers had the ball first and 10 at the Crown Point 49. Djuck's 15-yard pass to Lamb moved Griffith to the 34.

But when Djuck went to Lamb again on third and eight, linebacker Chris Myers instantly converged on the scene and knocked the ball free. The football was recovered by Griffith, but they were forced to punt it away.

The next Crown Point possession didn't produce much, and soon the Panthers had the ball again first and 10 at the Bulldog 49 with 4:10 left.

But the 'dogs' didn't let them get any further. Chris Paramantgis intercepted Djuck's pass on the first play and returned it 44 yards to the Griffith 13.

It seemed as if the Bulldogs had driven the final nail in the coffen. But a couple of penalties took Crown Point back to the 35, and the Panthers used their time-outs wisely to give them a final possession at their own 32 with 1:31 left on the clock and the lead only a field goal away.

The Panthers advanced to the 47 and things were getting a little antsy in the Crown Point stands. But the Bulldog pass rush and coverage down field force three straight incomplete passes. And then on fourth and ten defensive end Dan Kurowski dropped

Lamb in the back field for a seven yard loss which sealed the victory.

The Bulldogs compiled a total of 162 yards, all of them rushing with Mike Pulido contributing half of that total with 81 yards on 21 carries. Mark Minch returned to the starting line-up to produce 60 yards on 15 carries.

"We didn't throw the football much," Smith said. "We had to get our offensive line back to moving the ball. But we'll open it up again."

On defense for Crown Point Brian Antczak and Chris Myers each had five solo tackles.

Alex Djukic led the Panthers' in rushing with 65 yards on 11 carries. He also completed 7 out of 17 passes for 95 yards. Nick Matthews rushed 16 times for 49 yards.

The Bulldogs' next game is against Lowell at Crown Point. Griffith will play against Calumet.

Local standings

Duneland Conference

	CON. W	CON. L	ALL W	ALL L	PF	PA
Merrillville	3	0	4	0	80	28
Hobart	2	0	4	0	140	29
M.C. Rogers	1	1	3	1	64	35
Portage	1	1	2	2	30	90
Valparaiso	1	2	2	2	72	87
LaPorte	1	2	1	3	35	79
Chesterton	0	3	0	4	20	65

Lake Shore Conference

	CON. W	CON. L	ALL W	ALL L	PF	PA
Ham. Gavit	1	0	4	0	76	12
Hammond	1	0	2	2	72	58
Ham. Noll	0	0	1	3	55	89
Ham. Morton	0	1	2	2	47	34
Ham. Clark	0	1	2	2	41	70

Lake Suburban Conference

	CON. W	CON. L	ALL W	ALL L	PF	PA
Lake Central	2	0	4	0	108	12
Griffith	2	1	3	1	126	26
Crown Point	2	1	2	2	37	33
Highland	2	1	2	2	72	64
Munster	1	2	2	2	58	66
Lowell	0	2	1	3	36	92
Calumet	0	2	0	4	30	113

Northwestern Conference

	CON. W	CON. L	ALL W	ALL L	PF	PA
Gary Roosevelt	2	0	3	0	54	12
Gary Wallace	1	0	3	1	95	50
Gary West	1	1	1	3	50	78
Gary Mann	0	1	1	3	12	115
Gary Wirt	0	2	0	4	37	100

NW Hoosier Conference

	CON. W	CON. L	ALL W	ALL L	PF	PA
Lake Station	2	0	4	0	50	14
Kank. Valley	2	1	2	2	38	34
Rensselaer	2	1	2	2	69	66
River Forest	1	1	3	1	71	32
North Judson	1	2	2	2	100	33
North Newton	0	3	0	4	32	128

Independents

	W	L	PF	PA
Andrean	3	1	130	63
East Chicago	1	3	55	81
Whiting	0	4	44	89



The Griffith offense sets up their wish-bone against the Bulldogs

How the Top 10 Fared

Games involving the Top 10 Associated Press Indiana high school football teams last week:

Class 5A

1. Carmel (4-0) beat No. 3 Warren Central 18-17.
2. Penn (4-0) beat No. 5 4A South Bend Washington 14-13.
3. Warren Central (3-1) lost to No. 1 Carmel 18-17.
4. **LAKE CENTRAL (4-0) beat PORTAGE 35-12.**
5. Indianapolis Ben Davis (3-1) beat Indianapolis Cathedral 42-7.
6. **MERRILLVILLE (4-0) beat MICHIGAN CITY ROGERS 19-8.**
7. Marion (4-0) beat Lafayette Jeff 29-7.
8. Fort Wayne North (4-0) beat Huntington North 35-16.
9. Perry Meridian (4-0) beat Noblesville 34-17.
10. Fort Wayne Northrop (3-1) beat Muncie South 17-10.

Class 4A

1. **HOBART (4-0) beat LAPORTE 46-3.**
2. Franklin Central (4-0) beat Lawrence North 33-7.
3. Evansville Reitz (4-0) beat Ev. Mater Dei 44-14.
4. DeKalb (3-1) lost to Columbia City 28-10.
5. South Bend Washington (3-1) lost to No. 2 5A Penn 14-13.
6. Pendleton Heights. (2-2) lost to Anderson Highland 27-21.
7. **ANDREAN (3-1) beat GARY MANN 51-0.**
8. Lafayette Harrison (3-1) beat Delphi 42-18.
9. Indianapolis Pike (3-1) lost to Decatur Central 26-3.
10. Evansville Bosse (3-1) beat Evansville Harrison 35-27.

Class 3A

1. Fort Wayne Dwenger (4-0) beat Fort Wayne Concordia 47-0.
2. Tipton (4-0) beat Peru 56-12.
3. South Bend St. Joseph's (4-0) beat Plymouth 42-7.
4. **GRIFFITH (3-1) lost to CROWN POINT 14-12.**
5. Indianapolis Roncalli (2-2) lost to Southport 19-0.
6. Evansville Memorial (2-2) lost to Castle 38-12.
7. Jasper (4-0) beat Vincennes 27-12.
8. Whitko (4-0) beat Oak Hill 32-8.
9. Charlestown (3-1) beat Mitchell 35-12.
10. Indianapolis Chatard (2-2) lost to Indianapolis North Central 33-3.

Class 2A

1. Western Boone (4-0) beat Frankfort 39-0.
2. South Spencer (4-0) beat Heritage Hills 28-0.
3. Rochester (3-1) lost to Southwood 21-14.
4. Frankton (4-0) beat Northeastern 37-12.
5. Eastside (4-0) beat Fremont 45-6.
6. Cass (3-1) beat Eastbrook 18-6.
7. Lawrenceburg (2-2) lost to Franklin Co. 24-0.
8. Fort Wayne Luers (2-2) beat Fort Wayne Harding 24-14.
9. North Knox (4-0) beat North Central (Sullivan) 41-0
10. Linton (2-2) lost to Sullivan 33-13.

Class A

1. Springs Valley (4-0) beat North Harrison 27-13.
2. Bremen (4-0) beat Culver 56-14.
3. South Decatur (4-0) beat No. 8 South Putnam 46-0.
4. North Putnam (4-0) beat Tri-West 13-0.
5. North Miami (4-0) beat Manchester 33-0.
6. Clinton Central (4-0) beat Knightstown 63-0.
7. South Adams (4-0) beat Leo 35-8.
8. South Putnam (2-2) lost to No. 3 South Decatur 46-0.
9. Tecumseh (3-1) beat Perry Central 19-7.
10. Sheridan (3-1) beat Westfield 27-6.

PANTHER STATS

1. Game# 4 Record: Win 3 Loss 1

2. Scoring

	1	2	3	4	OT	Total	Avg.
Opponent	13	13	0	0	0	26	6.5
Griffith	43	27	28	28	0	126	31.5

3. Off. Plays

	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg.
Opponent	138	34	172	43
Griffith	151	41	192	48

4. 1st Downs

	Rush	Pass	Pen.	Total	Avg.
Opponent	26	4	3	33	8.3
Griffith	41	15	2	58	14.5

5. Total Off.

	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg.
Opponent	540	32	572	143
Griffith	836	391	1227	306.7

6. Fumbles

	No.	Recovered	Lost
Opponent	13	5	8
Griffith	9	6	3

7. Passing

	Attemp.	Com.	Pct	Yds	TD	Int
DJUKIC	38	16	42	336	6	1
WASSERMAN	3	2	67	55	0	0
Griffith	41	18	43.9	391	6	1
Opponent	34	6	17.6	32	0	2

8. Receiver

	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Longest
CROSEK	4	150	37.5	4	60
MASSA	1	32	32	0	32
MACISZAK	1	23	23	0	23
MIKLUSAK	2	21	10.5	1	13
BELL	2	42	21	0	27
LAMB	7	115	16.4	1	26
GARVEY	1	8	8	0	8
Griffith	18	391	21.7	6	60
Opponent	6	32	5.3	0	14

9. Rusher

	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Longest
MATHEWS	43	196	4.6	3	26
LAMB	27	226	8.4	2	34
DJUKIC	30	136	4.5	2	22
GARVEY	12	57	4.8	2	19
POLITES	4	30	7.5	0	18
WASSERMAN	8	73	9.1	1	57
WOROSZ	9	57	6.3	1	24
LESLIE,T.	7	11	1.6	0	3
MURDOCK	3	18	6	0	14
LESLIE,S.	4	25	6.3	1	15
HARWOOD	3	7	2.3	0	5
DEWES	1	0	0	0	0
Griffith	151	836	5.5	12	57
Opponent	138	540	3.9	4	59

Punts	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Block	Longest
VERBICH	11	399	36.3		50
Griffith	11	399	36.3		50
Opponent	16	470	29.4		39

Kickoff	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Longest
SUTTON	9	427	47.4	51
MURDOCK	8	391	48.9	60
SUTKOWSKI	5	205	41	44
Griffith	22	1023	46.5	60
Opponent	9	342	38	55

Punt Ret.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Longest
LAMB	1	-12	-12	0	-12
GARVEY	2	27	13.5	0	17
POLITES	1	12	12	0	12
WASSERMAN	1	0	0	0	0
CROSEK	1	14	14	0	14
MURDOCK	1	13	13	0	13
DJUKIC	2	24	12	0	13
Griffith	9	78	8.7	0	17
Opponent	4	27	6.8	0	10

K.O.Ret.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Longest
WOROSZ	2	5	2.5	0	6
LOPEZ	1	1	1	0	1
POLITES	3	56	18.7	0	27
MATHEWS	1	19	19	0	19
Griffith	7	81	11.6	0	27
Opponent	21	308	14.7	0	45

Scoring	Rush	Pass	Pat 1	Pat 2	Safety	KO Ret	Fum Rec.	FG	Pun R	Int.	Total
CROSEK		4									24
LAMB	2	1		1							20
DJUKIC	2										12
WOROSZ	1										6
WASSERMAN	1										6
SUTTON			12								12
MURDOCK			2								2
SCHREIBER					1						2
MATHEWS	3										18
GARVEY	2										12
LESLIE,S.	1										6
MIKLUSAK		1									6
Griffith	12	6	14	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	126
Opponent	4	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	26

CALUMET





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Griffith cameraman Ed Hanko, taping the Griffith Crown Point football game last Friday.

Lights, camera, action

Good cameraman can make a coach's job much easier

By Randy Shirey
Staff writer

One of the most valuable and perilous jobs in high school football is way over most of the fans heads.

The man behind the movie camera, risking life and limb on blustery Friday nights while stationed high atop the pressbox, has been for years a vital part of most high school football programs.

But with the advances of video tape technology through the 1980's, the work of this "modern" man has reached unprecedented proportions, far beyond what his predecessors would have imagined during their days of 16- and 8-millimeter film.

"Video tape is a lot less costly and quicker than the old film, but not quite as good (in clarity)," said Ed Hanko, the cameraman for Griffith High School.

"It used to cost about $125 a game to process black-and-white film. Now, for $3.99, you get color, sound, and we sometimes hook up a radio and you get the kids' names, the excitement of the crowd, things like that.

"But the best benefit, nowadays, the game's over at 9:30, and the tape of the game is playing at 9:45. It's nice that way."

The instant product and its ease of duplication is nice for coaches and players, for college recruiters and opponents. But somebody has to climb up into the unruly blackness of autumn nights in Northwest Indiana to capture those scenes.

The night let loose with a fury on Sept. 22 of last year. The wind blew hard all night into the faces of those standing atop the Chesterton pressbox.

The school flags flying above the bleachers popped like muffled machinegun fire from the opening kickoff to the last whistle.

And with the wind came a hard rain that appeared to drive horizontally into the faces of the fans, and, atop the pressbox, the face of Chesterton cameraman Dennis Evans.

"It was mighty rough," Evans said of that night. "There was wind, rain to boot, so it was pretty rugged. I had a jacket over the top of the camera, and tried to keep the water off of the lens.

"You couldn't use an umbrella either, because the wind was blowing so strong, it would have taken an um-

brella off the top... and it almost took us off the top! It was the roughest conditions I'd ever seen."

"A hurricane!" Hanko said of that night. He was at Calumet High School, taping the Griffith-Calumet game.

"While shooting football games, you try to shoot from the highest point, which is on top of the press-box," Hanko said.

"On a night like that, you begin to wonder. You're plugged into 120 volts because you really can't use batteries to cover a whole game, you're on a metal roof, it's raining like crazy, and you can't just stop and wait for things to get better because the game's still going on.

"With all this, you're still trying to get the whole thing on tape."

The whims of nature are inherent hazards of video taping high school football. The job can take a swift turn for the worse when the red "humidity" light engages on the video camera, and the unit shuts itself off.

"A drop of water gets in the wrong place," Hanko said, "and you're done. It doesn't have to fall in a pool. Some nights, when it's not even raining, just real humid, the humidity will shut it down.

"Then all you can do is sit and let it dry out. You're stuck. There's nothing you can do."

And the game goes on.

The cameraman always has a handkerchief ready. Water droplets on the lens will distort the picture. And it can be desert-dry conditions and the wind kicks up and cameraman starts wrestling with another problem.

"Instead of a nice, still picture," Hanko said, "you're watching the tape and things are turning left and right because of the wind and there was nothing you could do about it."

Cameramen normally do not film continuously. After "pausing" through "dead" time on the field, an average game will take about 40 minutes of video tape.

Coaches are very picky about who they want behind the lens. Hanko has been working the camera for 13 years. Evans was a line coach at Chesterton for 18 years before "retiring" to become a different kind of "assistant coach."

"I knew what to look for, as far as zooming in," he said. "It's rough to learn how to video tape a football game. You want to get the whole picture, and yet you want to zoom in at certain times and see the line play, and the backs, and the holes, and follow the football.

> **"Scholarship-wise, the colleges wanted to look at your kid on film, and if you didn't have film, you were jeopardizing your kid's position."**
>
> **— Les Klein**
> Former Portage football coach

"The main reason they asked me to do it was because I had coached before and I knew what to look for."

Ivan Zimmer, the head coach at Andrean High School, replaced a longtime cameraman this season. It has been rough, he said, teaching a new man to film the right scenes at the right time.

But it is something that has to be done, just as a coach has to teach the quarterback the plays, the linemen the blocking techniques, and so on.

For example, Zimmer is home late on Friday night, watching from an aerial perspective the game he had witnessed a few hours earlier while treading the sidelines.

The next day, he and his assistants view the tape for a couple of hours. On Sunday, the day of rest for a lot of people, the coaching staff is again reviewing the tape and consuming another couple of hours in grading player performances.

By Monday morning, the game has been dissected. Ideas are set against problems. Then it is time for the coaches to look at the tape of the next opponent.

Night after night.

And, in the meantime, the players follow their own viewing schedule.

"Today (a Saturday), I mailed last night's game to Indianapolis Howe (the Sept. 22 opponent), and, hopefully, we'll get their tape Monday or Tuesday," Zimmer said. "Then we'll start breaking that tape down, and determining the game plan.

"Just about every night, if you have tapes, there'll be about one to two hours of watching to see what you can pick up, the little nuances here and there. It's a big-time process."

Filming high school football games for future reference is nothing new. Video tape did not begin to crack the local market until the late 1970's and early 1980's.

Before that, it was good old reel-to-reel film, thread through a projector with a clickety-clack, and shown on the old pull-down gray-white screens. The film was often black-and-white, but its history was quite colorful.

Imagine midnight drives through the quiet, pitch-black countryside. Picture the weekend coaches' meeting, where everybody sat around with notes, trying to recall who-did-what-and-how. Imagine the anticipation of Monday and the hope the film would be at the drop-off point as expected.

Former Portage High School coach Les Klein recalled those days.

When he coached at North Judson (1962-65), he used to deliver the rolls of 16-millimeter film to a drop-off in Knox, where it was then shipped to South Bend to be processed.

When he coached at Portage, the film was taken on Friday night to the fire station in East Gary (now called Lake Station), where it was shipped to Chicago for processing.

If he was lucky, he picked up the processed film the next Monday. There were times, he said, when he picked up the film, gathered the coaches around the screen on Monday, and suddenly found himself faced with a whole different ballgame.

"Sometimes, you would have a little advantage, when (the relay process) kind of screwed up a little bit, and you'd get to running it and I'd be looking at the screen and say, 'What's this?'

"And it'd be somebody we'd play the next week. But, as far as that went, you had theirs, but they had yours. That's how we did it until we got into the video taping."

The four men interviewed for this story agreed that college recruiting played a major role in the filming of high school football games..

"What probably hastened it to where everybody was doing it," Klein said, "was the fact, scholarship-wise, the colleges wanted to look at your kid on film, and if you didn't have film, you were jeopardizing your kid's position. Colleges used films extensively."

Evans, the father of 1988 all-state tackle Denny Evans, said he made duplicates of the game tapes in which his son played, and was able to send them to several college recruiters at one time.

"You can take a videotape a[nd] duplicate it 12, 15 times, and send it out to coaches, and you still have the original at home," Evans sa[id]. "Back when we sent films out, y[ou] had to send that film, and you nev[er] knew when you were going to get it back."

Today, home video recorders a[re] getting nearly as common as tele[vi]sion sets. With the latest technol[o]gy and the ease of duplication, a game played Friday can be view[ed] in several different homes within hours of the final play.

But technological ease has its drawbacks.

"Modern technology is the ba[ne] of our existence," Zimmer said. "It's a lot easier in many respects, but it's also a lot tougher, because y[ou] have to spend so much time (stud[y]ing the tapes).

"But if you don't, somebody is getting better, and they're going to beat you."

And with all the fancy equipment lugged to the top of the pressbox, the modern video man shares a common fear that has been passed down from the 16-millimeter days.

"There are times there's a faked handoff," Hanko said, "and the g[uy] you're filming just stops! Y[ou] think, 'What's he stopping for?' Now, you've got to find where the play went.

"In the movies, they sometimes use three days just to shoot a 10-second scene. I've got 40 minutes of film — 40 minutes of action — and if I miss something, I can't just run down there to go back and do it again."

PANTHER FOOTBALL

Dealt first regular season loss by LSC foes Bulldogs 14-12

By Darrick Ramsey

Last Friday the Panthers were handed their first loss since November 3rd of last season. The Crown Point Bulldogs defeated the Panthers 14-12. "Crown Point was a hard, tough opponent with big backs" said head coach Les Thornton.

The Panthers were able to score twice but couldn't answer on their extra points while Crown Point was able to convert theirs.

The Crown Point game can also be labeled as controversial because of an 80 yard touchdown run called back because of a clipping penalty, and also a roughing the kicker penalty called against the Panthers. After all the smoke cleared, however, it was still a matter of who can convert the extra points and Crown Point did so twice and the Panthers didn't.

The Munster game, the week before, turned out a lot better. "We did pretty well but we got off to a slow start," said Coach Thornton. The Panthers defeated the Munster Mustangs 28-6. The first quarter of the game does not tell the story of the game. After a Panther turnover the Mustangs were able to drive through our line for a Mustang touch down early in the game. The Mustangs were not able to convert the extra point and the first quarter ended 6-0 Munster. "We didn't come out ready to play," said senior Alex Djukic.

Little did they know that would be their last score of the game. In the second quarter the Panthers scored and converted the extra point to make the score 7-6 Panthers at the half.

Second half, the Panthers' defensive line came ready to play and held the Munster drives, while the Panthers offense scored three more times to make the final score 28-6. "I felt that in the first half we weren't playing intense enough, but in the second half we got it together and really performed well," said senior Clint Lamb.

Homecoming is here once again. As the Panthers prepare to take on Calumet Coach Thornton has plans on how he will keep the players' minds on the game. "It will be hard to do, but I will keep them busy with short fast practices," he said.

Calumet has gotten off to an 0 and 3 start and are last in the Conference. The Panthers are looking for another victory to add to their 3 and 1 record on Homecoming. Senior Bill Polites said "I am very excited. We play Calumet, who is a big conference rival. So I'm sure we will come to play."



The Panthers defense swarms over the Crown Point ball carrier last Friday night. The Bulldogs handed the Panthers their first regular season defeat since 1988 by outscoring them 14-12.

"Good Luck to You"

Homecoming Boosters

Clint,
Good Luck on Homecoming! I know you'll do great! (It's gotta be the jersey). My Bart is better!
Love & Luck,
Alicia

Richard,
Hi. I know we fight a lot, but you know I love you and I just want to thank you for everything. You're the best!
Love,
Angie

#84,
Good Luck Jim and the Panthers!
Love,
Mom and Dad

#30,
Good Luck Alex and Panthers!
Love,
Mom and Dad

#72,
Good luck big guy! We're behind you all the way.
Love,
Mom and Dad

#72,
Remember *Noll!*
Shirley & Donna

#86,
Mike, congratulations and good luck! Have a great season!
Love,
Mom, Buffy,
Jayme

Alicia Raketich,
Good luck tonight, honey! We love you! You are a wonderful daughter. We are so proud.
Love,
Mom,Dad,and
Patrick

Alicia Raketich,
Hey sis, now it's your turn to shine. Wish I could be there tonight to show how proud I am.
Love,
Mike

Joe Dangelo,
Good luck, Joe! Beat those Warriors! Go #73!
Love,
Your family

Danielle,
To our CHEER-ful daughter. Have a great Homecoming. You're the best.
Love
Mom and Dad.

Neil,
Lookin' fine, on the line, sack 'em time, #89.
Love,
Mom and Dad

Wrob #54,
Stop those Warriors! Have a great game.
Love,
Mom and Dad

Lee Ann,
To our one and only cheerleader. Keep smiling! Have a happy Homecoming!
Love,
Mom and Dad

Coach Reyome,
I love you Grandpa! Go Pampers!
Love,
Amanda

Aimee,
Good Luck! Keep smiling. Happy Homecoming!
Love,
Mom and Dad

#11,
Good Luck Black and Gold!
Love,
Mom & Dad

Dana,
We love you and we're so proud of you. Cheer the Panthers on to a Homecoming victory!
Love,
Mom and Dad

Jim,
We love ya #84! Homecoming'90.
Love,
Denise, Kim and
Denise

#68,
Good Luck! Get 'em!
Love,
Mom and Dad

#24,
Go for it! Scalp the Warriors!
Love,
Mom and Dad

Neil,
Thanks for always being there for me. I love you a lot! Good Luck! You're the best!
Love,
Adrienne

#82,
Bad to the Bone! Scalp those Warriors!
Love,
Dad

#65,
Beat those Warriors!
Love,
Mom & Dad

#36,
Go - Fight - Win! You're the best!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Heidi,
Jeremy &Emily

#13 and #39,
Hans and Franz—Listen now and hear me later...Beat those Warriors!
Love,
Your favorite
athletic
supporter, Mom

#13 and #39,
We're proud of you,
Love,
Your family

Mike and Jill,
Good Luck tonight!
Luv,
Nikki & Heather

Alex,
It's your senior year; It's your turn to shine: So good luck, Alex; You do great all the time!
Love and Luck,
Tina

GOOD LUCK FROM THE CHEERLEADERS

Alicia, Laura, Jill and Michelle,
You guys are all such great friends to have. I'm so excited that we're on court together. Good luck to you all!
Love,
Dana

Cheerleaders,
Thanks for being the BEST squad ever! My senior year has been great so far, a lot to do with all of you. I love you all, even at camp!!
Love,
Dana

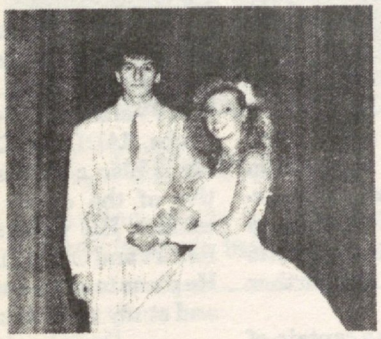
Mitch,
Good Luck! Ihope you make lots of touchdowns for me! I'm glad we're together again. I love you!
Love and Best Friends,
Denise

Press those Warriors!! Go Panthers

Good Luck fellow staffers, Dana, Alicia and Laura
from the Panther Press staff

Homecoming '90

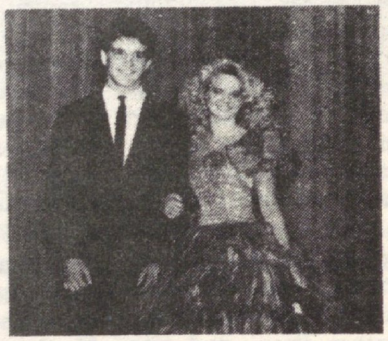
It's Bell and Burbridge as 1990 King and Queen



Alex Djukic and Dana Anderson



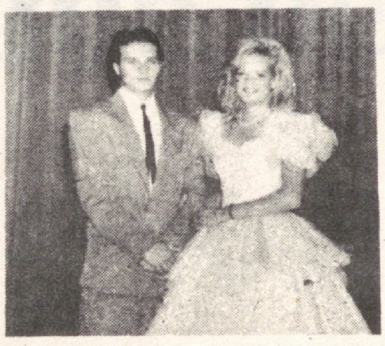
The 1990 Homecoming King and Queen are Mike Bell and Jill Burbridge.



Clint Lamb and Alicia Raketich



Jim Crosek and Laura Shoulders



Doug Snyder and Michelle Zebracki

Finally, the suspense has ended. Reigning as the 1990 Homecoming King and Queen are seniors Mike Bell and Jill Burbridge. Other members of the court, chosen by the Booster and Varsity Clubs, are seniors Dana Anderson, Alicia Raketich, Laura Shoulders, Michelle Zebracki, Jim Crosek, Alex Djukic, Clint Lamb and Doug Snyder.

All have completed a busy week of activities, including participating in spirit week and activities night competitions. In addition their involvement during the week, they have been active throughout their high school years.

Dana has been a cheerleader throughout high school, serving as JV captain her sophomore year and co-captain of the varsity squad this year. This summer she was selected as an All-Star cheerleader by the Universal Cheerleaders Association and will travel to London with the group. She is the Editor-in-Chief of the *Panther Press*, and was Associate Editor last year. She has been involved in Student Council as a class council representative and sophomore class Vice-President. She is a member of National Honor Society, Booster Club, Varsity Club, and SADD, as well as being the treasurer of Quill and Scroll. She also was awarded the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Award, Tri Kappa Award, the Daughters of the American Revolution Award, and is a National Merit semi-finalist. Dana was a Girls State representative, a baseball statistician, a member of the Spell Bowl, Academic Decathalon, and girls track teams. She is included in *Who's Who Among American High School Students* and was a member of Turnabout and spirit courts. Dana is the daughter of Jim and Sue Anderson. She plans to attend either Indiana, Notre Dame or Northwestern University.

Jill has been involved in Booster Club, Class Council, Student Council, where she was named outstanding sophomore and junior, SADD and chorus. She was a JV cheerleader last year and a baseball manager her sophomore year. Jill is listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*. She is the daughter of Jack and Kathie Burbridge. Jill plans to attend Indiana University Northwest to become an x-ray technician.

Alicia has been a cheerleader throughout high school and is presently a varsity co-captain. She was also selected as an All-Star cheerleader by the Universal Cheerleaders Association last summer and will travel to London with the group. She is the Advertising Editor of the *Panther Press*, as she was last year. She earned a second place award from the Communicators of Northwest Indiana for her advertisement submitted last year. Alicia is also President of Chorale, Vice President of Quill and Scroll, and included in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*. She has also been involved in Booster Club, SADD, Student Council as a class representative and secretary of her junior class, drama productions, was a baseball statistician and a member of girls track, Turnabout and Prom courts. Alicia's parents are Manuel and Patricia Fuentes, and Michael Raketich.

Laura is the senior class vice president, and Business Manager for the *Panther Press* . She was in choir where she served as president and vice-president. She has been involved in drama productions, class council and was secretary of her sophomore class. She has been a member of Booster Club, Varsity Club, SADD, girls track, and Student Council. She is listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*. Last year, she was Prom Queen. Laura's parents are Larry and Barb Shoulders. She plans to attend Indiana University Bloomington and major in psychology.

Michelle is a Pantherette and a member of the Booster Club. She is the secretary of Chorale. She has been involved in Student Council as treasurer, choir as secretary, and the drama productions. Her parents are Rick Zebracki and Carrie Miller. Michelle agreed with most of the court when she predicted that her favorite court activity would be the pie eating contest and Activities Night. She plans to attend Purdue University West Lafayette and major in veterinary medicine.

Mike has been on the football team throughout high school and in 1989 received the JV Best Mental Attitude Award. He is also a class council representative and a member of Varsity Club and DECA. He has been involved in SADD and track. His parents are Patrick and Diana Bell. Mike plans to go into the Air Force and further his education.

Jim is a captain of the football team, Booster Club, Class Council and Varsity Club. He has been on the baseball team for two years and will play again this spring. In football, he made first team all-conference and special mention all-area his junior year and in baseball he made honorable mention all-conference and special mention all-area. He is the son of Larry and Mary Lou Crosek. Jim plans to attend Indiana or Purdue University and major in psychology.

Alex is a captain of the football team, and last year was named to the All-Conference second team and received a special mention All-Area. He plays on the basketball team and was captain last year. He is also a member of the baseball team, Booster Club and secretary of Varsity Club. His parents are Sava and Lucy Djukic. Alex plans to attend Purdue University Lafayette to study electrical engineering.

Clint is also a member of the football and track teams, and a member of Varsity and Booster Clubs, SADD and DECA. He is also a representative of the senior class council. His parents are Robert and Cheryl Lamb. He plans to attend college and study architecture.

Doug has been a member of the baseball team and Booster Club for three years. He was on both Turnabout and Prom courts. He is the son of Esther Snyder and plans on going to college to study personal finance.



William Lauer/staff photographer

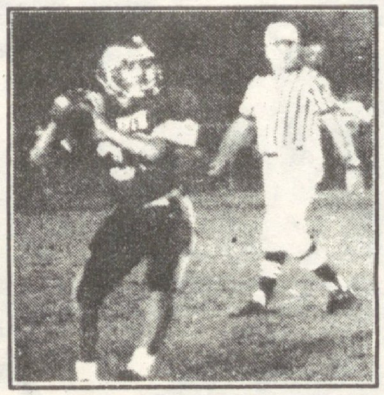
OK, let's huddle up

Appearing ready to go, members of the Griffith High School football team huddle up during the school's homecoming pep rally Friday afternoon. Griffith beat Calumet 36-0.

Let the game begin!

Male
Athlete of the Month

Team captain, quarterback Djukic shines



Senior Alex Djukic looks for an open receiver.

The recipient of our first athlete of the month is senior quarterback Alex Djukic. Djukic has led the Panthers to a 3-1 record and has the team ranked in the top ten in class3-A.

Head football coach Les Thorton nominated Djukic for his performance, and leadership. Djukic leads the area in touchdown passes thrown with 6 and has thrown for over 400 yards. Djukic also does a fine job running the option, he has ran for 136 yards (good for a 4.5 yard avg) and 2 touchdowns.

Djukic also plays safety on defense, and returns kicks on special teams. He is the team's captain.

"Alex is an outstanding student and has provided strong leadership for our football team,"writes Thornton.

The Panther Press regrets tl absence of a female athlet this month, as none were nominated by their coaches.

Griffith rolls to victory over Calumet

Post-Tribune Saturday, September 22, 1990

Griffith 36
Calumet 0

At Griffith, the seventh-ranked Panthers (Class 3A) had no problem handing hapless Calumet (0-5, 0-3) its seventh straight loss.

It was close for three quarters, as Griffith led, 6-0 at halftime and 9-0 going into the last quarter. Griffith (4-1, 3-1) exploded for 27 points in the last quarter in the Lake Suburban Conference contest.

Six different players scored for Griffith. Quarterback Alex Djukic scored on a four-yard run and threw a 33-yard touchdown pass.

Griffith's Don Wasserman and Clint Lamb combined for 131 yards rushing.

CALUMET	0	0	0	0—0
GRIFFITH	0	6	3	27—36

SCORING

G — Wasserman 10 run (run failed)
G — Sutton 22 FG
G — Djukic 4 run (run failed)
G — Lamb 31 run (Murdoch kick)
G — Mathews 33 pass from Djukic (Murdock kick)
G — Leslie 45 interception (Murdoch kick)

STATISTICS

	C	G
First downs	3	12
Yards rushing	33	165
Yards passing	11	136
Passes	2-11	6-19
Intercepted by	1	2
Punts — avg. yards	5-27.8	1-27
Fumbles — lost	7-6	4-2
Penalties — yards	7-72	6-40

Friday's high school football

#3 (5A) Lake Central	35	Hammond	7
Highland	8	Hammond Gavit	6
#6 (5A) Merrillville	44	Hammond Noll	24
Valparaiso	14	Hammond Clark	22
#1 (4A) Hobart	49	Rensselaer	33
Chesterton	6	Lake Station	0
#4 (4A) Andrean	29	River Forest	41
Indianapolis Howe	13	North Newton	0
#7 (3A) Griffith	36	North Judson	34
Calumet	0	Kankakee Valley	0
Gary Wallace	46	East Chicago	45
Gary Roosevelt	7	Munster	13
Gary Wirt	28	Hammond Morton	10
Gary Mann	14	Luther South (Ill.)	9
Portage	29	Whiting	51
M.C. Rogers	10	West Central	20
Crown Point	34	#2 (3A) S.B. St. Joe	10
Lowell	0	LaPorte	0

The Times Saturday, September 22, 1990

GRIFFITH – Class 3A seventh-ranked Griffith got back on the winning track with a 36-0 blanking of Calumet in Lake Suburban Conference play Friday night.

The Panthers (4-1, 3-1) broke the game open in the fourth quarter by scoring 27 points.

Don Wasserman had given Griffith a 6-0 halftime lead with a 10-yard touchdown run in the second quarter. Scott Sutton made it 9-0 in the third period with a 22-yard field goal before the Panthers put their offense into high gear.

Quarterback Alex Djukic openeed the scoring in the final period with a four-yard touchdown run. Clint Lamb followed with a 31-yard touchdown run, Nick Mathews with a 33-yard touchdown pass from Djukic and Scott Leslie closed the scoring by racing 45 yards with a pass interception.

The interception was one of eight turnovers by Calumet (0-5, 0-3).

Lamb finished with 69 yards on 11 carries and also caught three passes for 66 yards to lead the offense. Wasserman added 62 yards rushing in eight attempts.

	CAL	GRIF
Net Yards Rushing	33	165
Net Yards Passing	11	136
Total yards gained	44	301
First downs	3	12
Passes att/comp/int	11/2/2	19/6/1
Punts/avg.	5/27.8	1/27
Penalties/yards	7/72	6/40
Fumbles/lost	7/6	4/2

SCORING BY QUARTERS

CALUMET	0	0	0	0	– 0
GRIFFITH	0	6	3	27	–36

INDIVIDUAL SCORING

G – Don Wasserman, 10 run (run failed).
G – Scott Sutton, 22 field goal.
G – Alex Djukic, 4 run (run failed).
G – Clint Lamb, 31 run (Jerry Murdock kick).
G – Nick Mathews, 33 pass from Djukic (Murdock kick).
G – Scott Leslie, 45 pass interception (Murdock kick).

Officials: Bob Hansen, Floyd Skaggs, Rich Callaway, Harvey Cathcart, Dan Geren

How Top 10 Fared

Games over the weekend involving the Top 10 Associated Press Indiana high school football teams.

Class 5A

■ 1. CARMEL (5-0) beat Anderson Highland 34-19.
■ 2. PENN (5-0) beat South Bend Clay 28-0.
■ **3. LAKE CENTRAL (5-0) beat HIGHLAND 35-8.**
■ 4. WARREN CENTRAL (4-1) lost to Indianapolis North Central 7-3.
■ 5. INDIANAPOLIS BEN DAVIS (4-1) beat Terre Haute South 42-7.
■ **6. MERRILLVILLE (5-0) beat VALPARAISO 44-14.**
■ 7. MARION (5-0) beat Richmond 31-7.
■ 8. FORT WAYNE NORTH (4-1) lost to No. 1 Class 3A Fort Wayne Dwenger 35-20.
■ 9. PERRY MERIDIAN (4-1) lost to Indianapolis Manual 26-23.
■ 10. FORT WAYNE NORTHROP (4-1) beat Fort Wayne Elmhurst 19-7.

Class 4A

■ **1. HOBART (5-0) beat CHESTERTON 49-6.**
■ 2. FRANKLIN CENTRAL (5-0) beat Lawrence Central 13-12.
■ 3. EVANSVILLE REITZ (5-0) beat Castle 24-21.
■ **4. ANDREAN (4-1)** beat Indianapolis Howe 29-13.
■ 5. SOUTH BEND WASHINGTON (4-1) beat South Bend Adams 21-8.
■ 6. LAFAYETTE HARRISON (4-1) beat Twin Lakes 24-7.
■ 7. EVANSVILLE BOSSE (3-2) lost to Evansville Central 14-7.
■ 8. DeKALB (3-2) lost to Homestead 17-13.
■ 9. MOUNT VERNON (Posey) (5-0) beat Boonville 18-15.
■ 10. INDIANAPOLIS PIKE (3-2) lost to Center Grove 11-10.

Class 3A

■ 1. FORT WAYNE DWENGER (5-0) beat No. 8 5A Fort Wayne North 35-20.
■ 2. SOUTH BEND ST. JOE'S (5-0) beat **LAPORTE 10-7**
■ 3. TIPTON (5-0) beat No. 8 Mississinewa 31-7.
■ 4. JASPER (5-0) beat Princeton 21-0.
■ 5. WHITKO (5-0) beat Northfield 54-6.
■ 6. CHARLESTOWN (4-1) beat Clarksville 8-7.
■ **7. GRIFFITH (4-1) beat CALUMET 36-0.**
■ 8. MISSISSINEWA (4-1) lost to No. 3 Tipton 31-7.
■ 9. NORTHWESTERN (5-0) beat Maconaquah 27-0.
■ 10. **NEW PALESTINE** (4-1) beat Beech Grove 21-0.

Class 2A

■ 1. WESTERN BOONE (5-0) beat North Montgomery 21-0.
■ 2. SOUTH SPENCER (5-0) beat No. 8 Class A Tecumseh 35-0.
■ 3. FRANKTON (5-0) beat Yorktown 6-0.
■ 4. EASTSIDE (5-0) beat Churubusco 12-7.
■ 5. NORTH KNOX (4-1) lost to Sullivan 33-7.
■ 6. CASS (3-2) lost to Eastern (Howard) 6-2.
■ 7. FORT WAYNE LUERS (3-2) beat Mishawaka Marian 34-6.
■ 8. ROCHESTER (3-2) lost to Manchester 12-7.
■ 9. MONROVIA (4-1) beat South Putnam 28-0.
■ 10. GLENN (5-0) beat South Central 28-0.

Class A

■ 1. SPRINGS VALLEY (5-0) beat West Washington 59-6.
■ 2. BREMEN (5-0) beat LaVille 51-0.
■ 3. SOUTH DECATUR (5-0) beat Brown County 16-0.
■ 4. NORTH PUTNAM (4-1) lost to Danville 14-10 .
■ 5. NORTH MIAMI (4-1) lost to No. 10 Southwood 14-13.
■ 6. CLINTON CENTRAL (5-0) beat Clinton Prairie 30-15.
■ 7. SOUTH ADAMS (5-0) beat Adams Central 14-6.
■ 8. TECUMSEH (3-2) lost to No. 2 Class 2A South Spencer 35-0.
■ 9. SHERIDAN (3-2) lost to Hamilton Heights 15-6.
■ 10. SOUTHWOOD (4-1) beat No. 5 North Miami 14-13.

Local standings

■ Duneland Conference

	CON. W	CON. L	ALL W	ALL L	PF	PA
Merrillville	4	0	5	0	124	42
Hobart	3	0	5	0	189	35
Portage	2	1	3	2	109	100
M.C. Rogers	1	2	3	2	74	64
LaPorte	1	2	1	4	35	89
Valparaiso	1	3	2	3	86	131
Chesterton	0	4	0	5	26	114

■ Lake Shore Conference

	CON. W	CON. L	ALL W	ALL L	PF	PA
Hammond	2	0	3	2	79	64
Ham. Noll	1	0	2	3	79	111
Ham. Gavit	1	1	4	1	82	19
Ham. Morton	0	1	3	2	57	43
Ham. Clark	0	2	2	3	61	94

■ Lake Suburban Conference

	CON. W	CON. L	ALL W	ALL L	PF	PA
Lake Central	3	0	5	0	143	20
Griffith	3	1	4	1	162	26
Crown Point	3	1	3	2	71	33
Highland	2	2	2	3	80	99
Munster	1	2	2	3	71	111
Lowell	0	3	1	4	36	126
Calumet	0	3	0	5	30	149

■ Northwestern Conference

	CON. W	CON. L	ALL W	ALL L	PF	PA
Gary Wallace	2	0	4	1	145	57
Gary Roosevelt	2	1	3	1	61	58
Gary West	1	1	1	3	50	78
Gary Wirt	1	2	1	4	65	114
Gary Mann	0	2	1	4	26	143

■ NW Hoosier Conference

	CON. W	CON. L	ALL W	ALL L	PF	PA
Rensselaer	3	1	3	2	102	66
River Forest	2	1	4	1	112	32
Lake Station	2	1	4	1	50	47
North Judson	2	2	3	2	134	33
Kank. Valley	2	2	2	3	38	68
North Newton	0	4	0	5	32	169

■ Independents

	W	L	PF	PA
Andrean	4	1	159	76
East Chicago	2	3	100	94
Whiting	1	4	95	109

HIGH SCHOOL
Associated Press polls

With first-place votes in parentheses, records and rating points (440 possible in Class 5A, 420 in 4A, 380 in 3A, 380 in 2A, and 320 in A).

■ Class 5A

1. Carmel	(19)	5-0	434
2. Penn	(2)	5-0	380
3. LAKE CENTRAL	**(1)**	**5-0**	**321**
4. Ind. Ben Davis		4-1	272
5. MERRILLVILLE		**5-0**	**267**
6. Marion		5-0	247
7. Warren Central		3-2	157
8. F.W. Northrop		4-1	119
9. Ind. North Central		3-2	78
10. Southport		4-1	74

Others with votes: Bloomington South 72, F.W. North 57, Ind. Perry Meridian 44, Elkhart Central 21, Martinsville 21, Evansville Central 16, **Gary Wallace 16**, Mishawaka 9, Jeffersonville 7, Lawrence Central 7, Seymour 7, Ind. Howe 6, Muncie South 6.

■ Class 4A

1. HOBART	**(16)**	**5-0**	**399**
2. Franklin Central	(1)	5-0	396
3. Evansville Reitz	(4)	5-0	350
4. S.B. Washington		4-1	253
5. ANDREAN		**4-1**	**249**
6. Lafayette Harrison		4-1	211
7. Mt. Vernon (Posey)		5-0	178
8. Greenwood		5-0	155
9. Franklin County		5-0	130
10. Columbia City		4-1	83

Others with votes: Evansville Bosse 32, Homestead 26, DeKalb 20, S.B. Clay 16, Ind. Pike 14, Concord 9, Bloomington North 7, Decatur Central 7, New Haven 7, Floyd Central 6, **Highland 6**, Pendleton Heights 6.

■ Class 3A

1. F.W. Dwenger	(14)	5-0	362
2. S.B. St. Joe	(1)	5-0	320
3. Tipton	(2)	5-0	304
4. Jasper	(2)	5-0	263
5. Whitko		5-0	232
6. Charlestown		4-1	175
7. Northwestern		5-0	169
8. GRIFFITH		**4-1**	**160**
9. New Palestine		4-1	115
10. Salem		5-0	50

Others with votes: Mississinewa 41, Danville 21, Hamilton Southeastern 15, Triton Central 8, F.W. Harding 7, **Hammond Noll 7**, Ind. Chatard 7, Beech Grove 6, Crawfordsville 6, Lakeland 6, Mt. Vernon (Hancock) 6.

■ Class 2A

1. Western Boone	(14)	5-0	354
2. South Spencer	(5)	5-0	346
3. Frankton		5-0	294
4. Eastside		5-0	256
5. Glenn		5-0	187
6. Monrovia		4-1	182
7. F.W. Luers		3-2	177
8. North Knox		4-1	116
9. Hagerstown		5-0	54
10. Hamilton Heights		4-1	49

Others with votes: Sullivan 45, Winamac 41, Greencastle 39, Cass 32, **Lake Station 24**, West Lafayette 15, Garrett 14, Manchester 13, Ind. Scecina 8, **North Judson 6**, Paoli 6, Rochester 6, Woodlan 6.

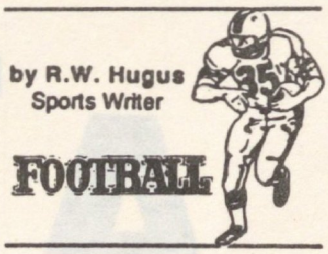
Class A

1. Springs Valley	(10)	5-0	306
2. Bremen	(4)	5-0	286
3. South Decatur	(2)	5-0	272
4. Clinton Central		5-0	220
5. South Adams		5-0	184
6. Southwood		4-1	173
7. North Putnam		4-1	122
8. North Miami		4-1	118
9. Tri High		4-1	51
10. Tecumseh		3-2	50

Others with votes: Attica 35, North Vermillion 34, Churubusco 25,

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Central leads LSC



by R.W. Hugus
Sports Writer

Lake Central stayed atop the Lake Suburban Conference football race Friday night as it improved its season record to 5-0.

The Indians defense excelled and the offense put points on the board to defeat Highland, 35-8.

Highland could manage only 24 yards rushing and four yards passing, while being intercepted twice, and giving up the ball five times on fumbles to the Indians defense.

Scoring for the third-ranked Indians were Joe Ercus on a 41-yard run, Jeremy Baugh on an 11-yard run, Bill Wieklinski on a nine-yard pass from Jeff Stephens, John Sabik on a one-yard run, Adam Vela on a fumble recovery, and Matt Gelon on three extra points.

Highland's eight points came in the fourth quarter when Dave Nagle scored on a 40-yard run with a fumble return, and Brian Guzek hit Chuck Ryan with a two-point conversion.

Griffith remained in the hunt for the LSC title Friday night as the seventh ranked Panthers shut out Calumet, 36-0. The Panthers defense completely shut down Calumet as they gave up only 33 yards rushing, 11 yards passing, intercepted two passes, and recovered six fumbles.

The Panthers spread out the scoring as seven different players put points on the board.

Don Wasserman scored on a 10-yard run, Scott Sutton on a 22-yard field goal, Alex Djukic on a four-yard run, Clint Lamb on a 31-yard run, Nick Mathews on a 33-yard pass play from Djukic, Scott Leslie on a 45-yard pass interception, and Jerry Murdock on three interceptions.

Bishop Noll scored all of its points in the first and fourth quarters Friday night as it beat Hammond Clark 24-22 in a Lake Shore Conference game.

The Warriors scored 10 points in the opening frame and 14 in the final to move their season's record to 2-3, and conference record to 1-0.

Quarterback Joe Jumonville led the way as he passed for three touchdowns. The first came on a 38-yarder to Damon Scheidt followed by a 20-yard play to Dave Padilla, and then again to Scheidt on a 35-yard pass play.

Pete Prestpinto added a 25-yard field goal, and three extra points.

For Munster Friday night was a defeat as it took on East Chicago Central in a non-conference game. The Mustangs scored first and last, but in between the Cardinals piled it on in a 45-13 win.

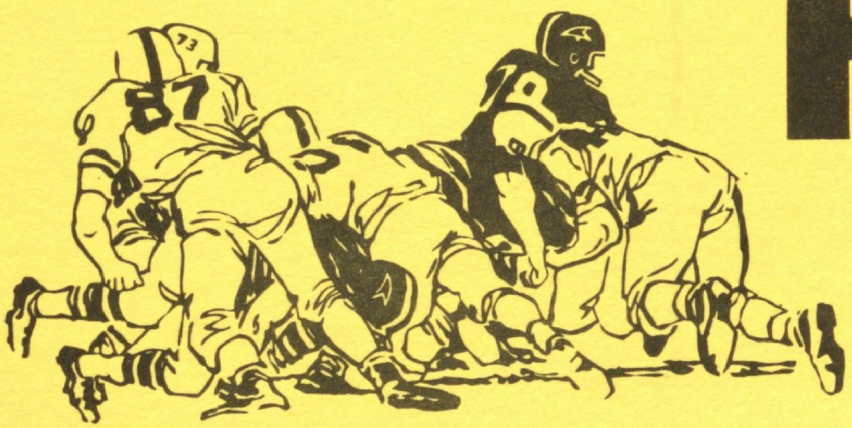
The Mustangs scored early on a 98-yard pass play from Mike Bagull to Adam Torreano, and an extra point kick by Greg Hobby.

After three more quarters of play the 'Stangs scored again in the fourth period on a five-yard run by Alan Gustaitis, but the run for the two-point conversion failed.

This Friday's schedule features a big LSC match-up. Lake Central will visit Griffith as the Panthers try to tie the Indians for first place.

In another LSC game, Crown Point will be at Munster. In a Lake Shore Conference game Bishop Noll will be at Hammond Gavit, and in a non-conference game Highland will travel to Kankakee Valley.

LAKE CENTRAL



POST-TRIBUNE

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Griffith could be headed for trouble

High School football this week

By Jeff Foss
Correspondent

The spider versus the fly. The cat versus the mouse. And Lake Central versus Griffith in prep football.

On paper, it's the classic mismatch. However, the last three years, the outcome has been decided by just 15 points.

And, since 1952, Griffith leads the series against Lake Central, 20-16-2.

Griffith — the smallest school in enrollment in the Lake Suburban Conference (632) — entertains Lake Central — the largest school in the conference (2,135) — Friday night in a pivotal league game.

Lake Central's roster includes 88 players compared to Griffith's 33.

"We don't match up very good at all," Griffith coach Les Thornton said. "If you look at our kids and then look at Lake Central's kids ... it looks like a big mismatch.

"We'll be having kids go both ways, on offense and defense. And, of course, with Lake Central, they don't have anybody playing both ways because of their numbers.

"They are a very big team physically," he said. "I think they're the biggest high school team I've ever coached against. They're very aggressive and they have a dominating defense."

The conference title has hinged on this game the past three years.

Lake Central knocked off Griffith 14-13 to share the title with the Panthers in 1988. And, last year, Griffith won the title outright, defeating Lake Central 22-10.

Lake Central (5-0, 3-0), with a win over Griffith, could move into the driver's seat in the conference with games remaining against Lowell and Munster.

Griffith (4-1, 3-1), with a victory over LC, could force a three-way tie for the conference lead with the Indians and Crown Point.

Lake Central is fourth-ranked in Class 5A. Griffith is seventh-ranked in Class 3A.

"We think we're a pretty good football team in our Class, but I don't know how we're going to handle the size and talent of Lake Central," Thornton said. "We'll take a low-key approach to the game, and just line up and play 'em.

"We'll try to play well and see if we can find a way to move the ball against them. And we'll try to force them to drive the ball the length of the field to score.

"This is a game where we've got to somehow make some breaks for ourselves just to compete. If we can do all that, anything might happen. But we know we're going to have to play our best game just to stay with them.

"It wouldn't be the end of our season, though, if we should lose. That's for sure. We don't have a lot to lose, because who is going to expect us to win?

"If we win, it's a great upset," Thornton said. "And, if we lose, there's no shame because everybody else has lost to Lake Central ... a lot of 5A schools."

Griffith, led by quarterback Alex Djukic and fullback Nick Mathews, has outscored its opponents 162-26, with two shutouts.

Lake Central's defense has not allowed a touchdown in the first three quarters this season, outscoring its opposition 143-20, with three shutouts.

The Indians play "power football" with running backs John Sabik (6-0, 215), Joe Ercus (5-11, 205) and Jeremy Baugh (5-9, 185).

John Stephens starts at quarterback, and his top receivers are Don Piro (6-1, 170) and Bill Wleklinski (6-5, 220).

Lake Central's offensive line averages nearly 230 pounds a player.

"It's the only game we play this week. So, naturally it's a big game for us," Lake Central coach Elmer Britton said. "It's a game we want to win.

"It's a game we've got to be prepared for because Griffith is a very capable team and they have some good athletes."

Is it really a mismatch? Britton says no.

"There's one misunderstanding," he said. "We're the same size high school that we were in 1977. Our enrollment is actually down from last year.

"People are anticipating that our enrollment is going to go up. The rest is a myth.

"Griffith does not have 30-some kids on their team. They chose to dress 30-some kids, and I'm not talking freshmen either. I looked at their roster.

"So when people say Griffith wins despite the odds ... well we only had 60 kids when I came into the program and I chose to play them one-way. That's the way we were able to build the program and get more people to come out.

"Why does it seem like a mismatch?" Britton said. "Griffith didn't call it a mismatch last year after they won."

Two Lake Central teachers will be rooting for Griffith

By Jeff Foss

Correspondent



Keichle



Komara

When Griffith and Lake Central meet Friday night, two Griffith assistant football coaches will be doing their best to beat the school where they teach.

Bob Komara is the defensive coordinator at Griffith, and Jim Keichle coaches the Panthers' offensive and defensive line players.

Ironically, during school hours, Komara teaches health and safety at Lake Central, while Kiechle is a biology teacher at Lake Central.

However, when the school day ends, both hurry to Griffith to coach the Panthers' football team.

It's only natural then for Komara and Kiechle to have a special insight into the big game.

"It's pretty low-keyed at school," Komara said. "Once in a while you'll see a player and he'll say 'Yeah, we'll see ya Friday night.' It's just all friendly stuff, though. I guess they can't call me a traitor."

Komara, in his fifth season at Griffith, coached football at Lake Central for 14 years, serving as the head coach his last four years. He then coached three years at Thornton Community College, before arriving at Griffith.

Komara has taught at Lake Central the last 22 years.

"(Lake Central) Coach Elmer Britton and I share the same classroom," he said. "His office is adjacent to my classroom. We talk football all the time, although, we won't talk a whole lot this week about strategy.

"But during the season we often talk a lot about the teams we've played and kind of share information. It's not as big a deal as it might appear.

"The school is so large and so vast, that I might know about one-fourth of the players on the team," Komara said. "John Sabik is the only varsity player I have in class."

"It would be nice to teach and coach at the same school," he said. "But sometimes that's not possible."

Jim Kiechle, also in his fifth season at Griffith, previously coached at Hanover Central, Lake Central and Lowell.

"I kind of keep it low-keyed. I really don't broadcast it," Kiechle said. "A lot of kids don't even know I coach at Griffith.

"But the one's that do know I'm at Griffith will comment that, 'Yeah, we're going to beat you.' But nothing unusual or out of line is ever said. It's all good-natured stuff."

Komara added: "I'm having a ball at Griffith. Coach Les Thornton lets you run your part of the game. He lets all the assistants coach, and that's fun. As a staff we've all stuck together and we all get along well.

"At 2:25, when school lets out, my allegiance to Lake Central ends, and then it's all for Griffith."

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Panthers face 'scary' Lake Central

By PHIL FAVORITE
Times Sports Writer

When Griffith football coach Les Thornton watches films of undefeated Lake Central, he grimaces.

"It's scary," Thornton said. "They're awesome on defense, and on offense, they're not explosive, but they'll come right at you and knock your socks off."

Thornton has reason to be concerned. His Panthers are next up for the Indians (5-0, 3-0), ranked third Class 5A and leaders in the Lake Suburban Conference.

But when the two teams square off in a 7:30 p.m game Friday at Griffith, Thornton hopes his smaller Panthers (4-1, 3-1) can make the big plays needed for an upset.

Meanwhile, Lake Central coach Elmer Britton is looking for error-free football from his squad. Mistakes cost the Indians dearly in a 22-10 loss to the Panthers last season.

"We're trying to forget about last year," Britton said. "All we know about is what we need to do Friday night. We know anybody has a chance to beat any team on a given night. We have to play as mistake-free as possible."

The Indians defense has been nearly flawless all season. The senior-led group has not allowed a touchdown from scrimmage while racking up three shutouts.

But the Panthers, ranked eighth in Class 3A, have also been impressive defensively. They've allowed just eight completions for 43 yards.

Unfortunately for Griffith, Lake Central isn't expected to do much passing. The Indians' running game, led by running backs John Sabik and Joe Ercus, has been their source of strength.

"They're going to power the football at us," Thornton said. "They don't have to go to our strength. They're a good, solid team that can move the football and will try to wear us down.

"We'll have to stick with them on their long drives and hope they stumble. We just can't give up big plays. We can bend, but we can't break."

A consistent ground attack has been the key for Griffith in years past, but the Panthers, behind quarterback Alex Djukic, are more apt to throw this season. But after losing receiver Jim Crosek, who had four touchdown catches before breaking his foot, Griffith has become more balanced.

Halfback Clint Lamb (295 yards rushing, three touchdowns, 10 catches, 181 yards) has become the Panthers main threat, having scored four touchdowns.

"If we had both (Crosek and Lamb), it'd be a lot nicer," Thornton said. "But Alex is the one who makes things happen."

"Djukic is a quality athlete," Britton said. "He could play for any team in any conference."

But Britton knows his bigger, deeper team will win if they executed his three-point plan.

"We can't make turnovers, we can't allow big plays and we have to pound," he said. "We must be physical."

"We're going to have to find a way to score off the pass, because we're going to have a hard time moving them," Thornton said. "But if they play mistake-free football, they'll be awfully tough for anybody to beat."

Lake Central defense blanks Griffith

By RON BROW
Times Sports Editor

GRIFFITH – One thing Lake Central football coach Elmer Britton knew before the 1990 season started was the strength of his defense would be in his linebackers.

"We felt like that would be the heart and soul of our defense," Britton said. "I'm not trying to take anything away from the other kids because I think they play hard and they play well. But we switched to a 4–3 because of them."

With the trio of Adam Vela, Matt Kistler and Scott Schwartz shutting down Griffith's wishbone, Class 5A third-ranked Lake Central rolled to a 29–0 Lake Suburban Conference victory Friday night. It was the fourth shutout of the season for the Indians (6–0, 4–0).

"They're about what I thought they were," Griffith coach Les Thornton said. "They're a big, strong, physical team. They can wear you down and they play power football. They can do a lot of things.

"I was really impressed with their linebackers. They're quicker than I thought they were."

The undermanned Panthers (4–2, 3–2) never stood a chance once they were forced to punt the ball away on their first possession. Lake Central had to settle for a 25–yard field goal from Matt Gelon on its first possession and made it 10–0 just 35 seconds into the second quarter when Joe Ercus went over from the three and Gelon booted the conversion.

But the play that broke Griffith's back came with 2:32 left in the half when Kistler intercepted a Alex Djukic pass on fourth and six from the 22 and raced 81 yards for a touchdown.

"Our kids came out, wanted to play and played with them," Thornton said. "Unfortunately we threw the interception and that was the big turning point. We were within field goal range and I thought if we could have gotten out of there with something, I felt good about going into the second half."

The Panthers had originally planned on attempting a 43–yard field goal, but an encroachment penalty, one of 14 infractions called on Lake Central, changed their thinking.

"A field goal was no sure thing," Thornton said. "Nobody's scored a touchdown against their defense and I wanted to try and score a touchdown. We had the pass play to do it but we threw the ball late and that was it, that was the ball game."

While Lake Central's defense was holding Griffith, the offense was grinding out 231 yards on the ground with Jeremy Baugh getting 89 yards in 10 carries and John Sabik adding 67 yards in 14 rushes. Ercus had two touchdowns and Baugh one.

"We wanted to make sure they didn't have anything psychological in the beginning to get them fired up," Britton said. "I thought if we could avoid anything like that happening, we wouldn't have any trouble with them.

"I would have taken this at the beginning of the season. The thing is I still think we can play a lot better if we can get our concentration up."

	LC	GRIF
Net Yards Rushing	231	70
Net Yards Passing	43	14
Total yards gained	274	84
First downs	16	7
Passes att/comp/int	8/3/1	12/3/1
Punts/avg.	2/38	7/38.6
Penalties/yards	14/128	6/60
Fumbles/lost	0/0	4/1

SCORING BY QUARTERS

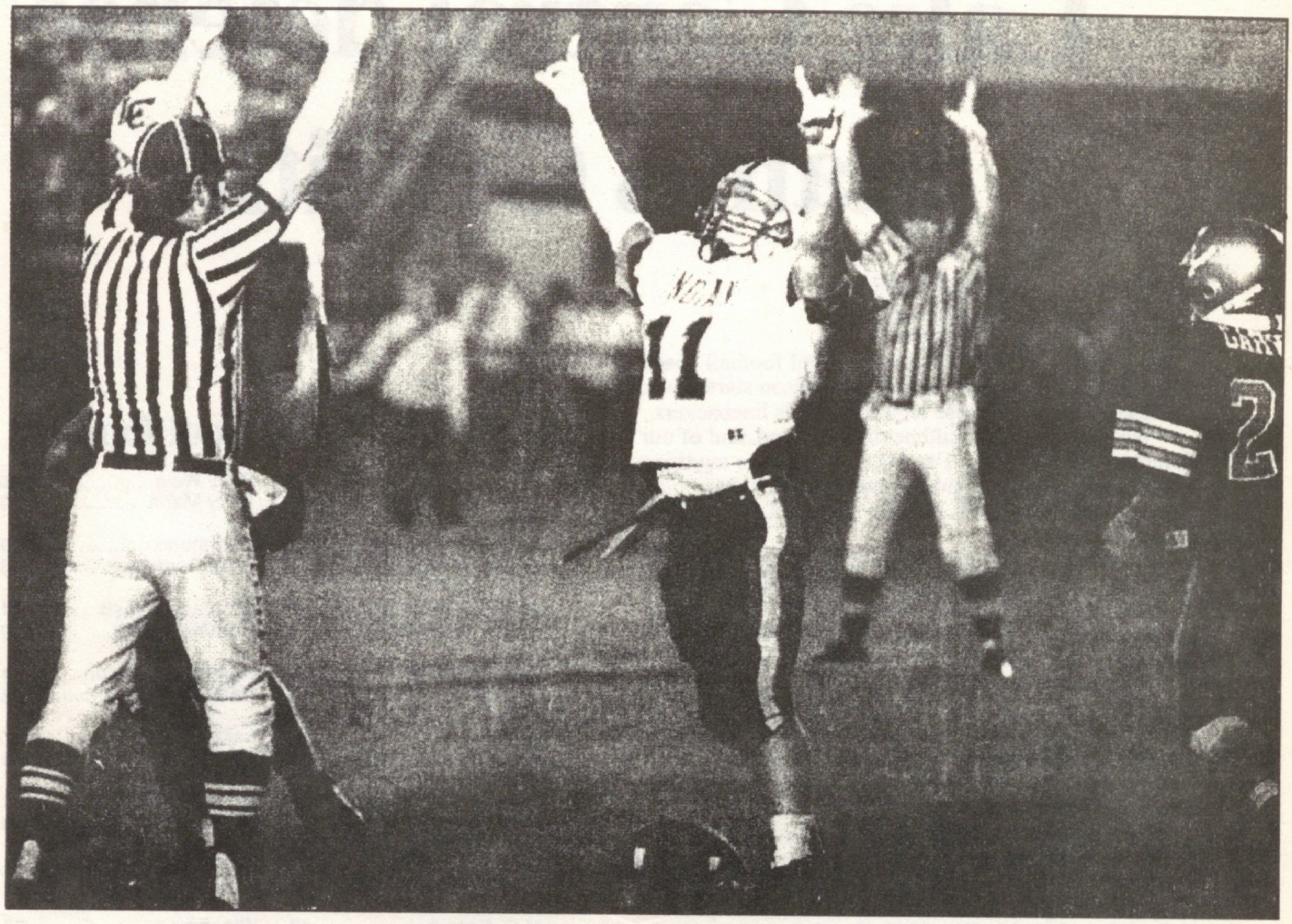
LAKE CENTRAL	3	13	13	0	–29
GRIFFITH	0	0	0	0	–0

INDIVIDUAL SCORING

LC – Matt Gelon, 25 field goal
LC – Joe Ercus, 3 run (Gelon kick)
LC – Matt Kistler, 81 pass interception (kick failed)
LC – Jeremy Baugh, 40 run (Gelon kick)
LC – Ercus, 16 run (kick blocked)

Friday's high school football

		Gary West	46
		Gary Mann	0
#3 (5A) Lake Central	29	Hammond	20
#8 (3A) Griffith	0	Gary Roosevelt	13
#5 (4A) Andrean	3	Hammond Gavit	21
#5 (5A) Merrillville	0	Hammond Noll	20
#1 (4A) Hobart	24	Hammond Morton	14
Portage	14	Hammond Clark	13
Crown Point	44	Lake Station	37
Munster	0	North Newton	0
Lowell	9	River Forest	22
Calumet	6	Rensselaer	0
LaPorte	14	Highland	13
Valparaiso	13	Kankakee Valley	0
M.C. Rogers	17	Winamac	27
Chesterton	10	North Judson	7
Gary Wallace	48	Momence, Ill.	49
Gary Wirt	6	Whiting	7



Times photo by Paul Warner

Lake Central running back Joe Ercus celebrates his first-quarter touchdown Friday night against Griffith.

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Lake Central in the driver's seat



by R.W. Hugus
Sports Writer

Lake Central took a huge step towards winning the Lake Suburban Conference championship Friday night when it defeated Griffith, 29-0.

The Indians stand at 4-0 in conference play, and lead Crown Point by a half game as the Bulldogs are 4-1.

Lake Central has two league games left against Lowell and Munster, who have combined 2-6 conference records.

Highland was the only other area team to pick up a win last weekend. On Friday it downed Kankakee Valley, 13-0 in a non-conference game.

On offense, Kankakee Valley outrushed Highland 104 yards to 95, outpassed the Trojans 135 yards to 126, and gained 18 first downs to just five for Highland.

The first Highland score came in the third period when Brian Guzek hooked up with Marc Wohadlo on an 84-yard touchdown pass play, and Keith Carstensen added the extra point.

The second Trojan score came in the fourth quarter when Jason Woodward hit the end zone on a nine-yard run.

Munster had a rough night Friday as Crown Point jumped out to a 21-0 first quarter lead, and then proceeded to score in every other quarter enroute to a 44-0 win in a LSC contest.

The Mustangs couldn't manage much offense as they were held to five first downs, 74 yards rushing, and a negative 42 yards passing.

Bishop Noll didn't have a great Friday night either as it fell 21-20 to Hammond Gavit in a Lake Shore Conference game

This Friday's schedule has Hammond Morton at Bishop Noll in a Lake Shore Conference game, while in the Lake Suburban Conference Calumet will be at Munster, Griffith at Highland, and Lowell at Lake Central.

No. 3 LC blanks Griffith

Post-Tribune

Saturday, September 29, 1990

By Randy Shirey
Staff writer

GRIFFITH — Big team, big plays.

That's Indian talk for Lake Central's 29-0 win over Griffith Friday night in a Lake Suburban Conference football game.

The third-ranked Class 5A Indians are 6-0 overall, 4-0 in the LSC. Eighth-ranked Class 3A Griffith is 4-2 overall, 3-2 in the conference.

It was the first time Griffith has been shut out since Oct. 9, 1987, when Highland won 29-0 at Griffith. That Highland team advanced to the Class 5A state finals that year.

Griffith faced heavy odds from the start. Lake Central listed 36 players on its roster who weighed more than 200 pounds. Griffith had one player who weighed more than the Lake Central fullback, 220-pound senior John Sabik.

"I've been coaching 27 years," said Griffith coach Les Thornton, "and I don't believe I've ever had half that many kids (weighing over 200 pounds)."

Griffith trailed only 3-0 after the first quarter, and 10-0 late in the second quarter.

But on a fourth-and-4 at the Lake Central 21, Griffith quarterback Alex Djukic attempted a pass that was intercepted by linebacker Matt Kistler, and the 6-0, 230-pound senior rumbled 75 yards for the backbreaker with 2:32 to play.

"I thought we played hard," Thornton said. "We were making a game out of it, closing in at halftime, we got down there, and he threw that interception, and that was it.

"I was confident that we could complete that pass, and he waited just a little too long to throw it, and that linebacker got over there. He's a lot faster than I thought!

"Well, that was the end of the ballgame. It took the spirit out of my guys, and it was just kind of a pounding after that. I was down to sophomores playing in the second half."

Griffith's leading running back, Clint Lamb, and starting safety Mike Worosz, were injured and did not play in the second half.

Lake Central rushed for an impressive 241 yards on 41 carries, an average of almost 6 yards per carry. Griffith, playing the wishbone offense, gained only 73 yards on 28 tries, or 2.6 yards per carry.

"That's what I thought they would do," Thornton said. "They're a strong football team, and they can play power football. They have awfully big running backs — strong — and they just power at you.

"Their defense is very good, and their linebackers are very impressive."

An unimpressive statistic was Lake Central's 14 penalties for 120 yards. That has been a sore spot with Coach Elmer Britton this season. In a 35-8 romp over Highland last week, the Indians were hit for 115 yards in penalties.

"Some of them were things we've been coaching against," Britton said. "The kids lost concentration."

On the opening possession of the third quarter, two Lake Central touchdowns were called back due to penalties. The Indians did score without a flag when Jeremy Baugh ran 40 yards around right end with 8:56 left.

"That's ridiculous, that we had to do that (score three times)," Britton said. "There's going to come a time of reckoning when the touchdowns are going to be hard to come by. There's going to come a time."

Baugh finished with 91 yards on 10 carries; Sabik had 70 yards on 14 carries, and Joe Ercus had 39 yards on five carries, including two touchdowns.

Griffith gained two first downs on the first possession of the game, but eventually had to punt from the Lake Central 30.

The Indians then engineered a 10-play drive that led to a 25-yard field goal by Matt Gelon and the game's first points.

Lake Central lineman Jared Tomich stuck Djukic on a 14-yard sack on Griffith's next possession, and the Panthers were forced to punt from their own end zone.

The Indians took over at the Griffith 31. On the same possession, now early in the second quarter, Ercus dived over from the 3-yard line for a 10-0 lead.

Griffith would work the ball from its own 41 to the LC 21, before the fourth-down interception by Kistler.

The Indians left no doubt early in the third quarter with the Baugh score on the first possession, and, after a Griffith punt and a 14-yard pass from Jeff Stephens to Bill Wleklinski, Ercus broke several tackles and scored from 16 yards out to end the scoring.

Reserves played most of the fourth quarter.

Griffith punter John Verbich, who is also a tackle, punted six times for a 39.8-yard average. A second quarter punt went 58 yards.

Gelon punted twice for a 40.5 average.

"We did just what we wanted to do," Britton said. "That's what we wanted to have happen. We did all right, it was just those lapses of concentration that bothered me."

It was Lake Central's fourth shutout in six games. There have been no touchdowns scored against the Indian defense.

LAKE CENTRAL	3	13	13	0	—29
GRIFFITH	0	0	0	0	— 0

SCORING

LC — FG Gelon 25
LC — Ercus 3 run (Gelon kick)
LC — Kistler 75 interception return (kick failed)
LC — Baugh 40 run (Gelon kick)
LC — Ercus 16 run (kick failed)

STATISTICS

	LC	G
First downs	16	7
Yards rushing	241	73
Yards passing	43	14
Passes	3-8	3-12
Intercepted by	1	1
Punts — avg. yards	2-40.5	6-39.8
Fumbles — lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties — yards	14-120	6-60



Mark Davis/staff photographer

Lake Central's Jeremy Baugh (28) tries to elude a tackle by Griffith's Jerry Murdock.

PANTHER STATS

1. Game# 6 Record: Win 4 Loss 2

2. Scoring

	1	2	3	4	OT	Total	Avg.
Opponent	16	26	13	0	0	55	9.2
Griffith	43	33	31	55	0	162	27

3. Off. Plays

	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg.
Opponent	203	53	256	42.7
Griffith	223	72	295	49.2

4. 1st Downs

	Rush	Pass	Pen.	Total	Avg.
Opponent	39	6	6	51	8.5
Griffith	49	20	8	77	12.8

5. Total Off.

	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg.
Opponent	790	88	878	146.3
Griffith	1067	543	1610	268.3

6. Fumbles

	No.	Recovered	Lost
Opponent	21	7	14
Griffith	17	11	6

7. Passing

	Attemp.	Com.	Pct	Yds	TD	Int
DJUKIC	58	22	38	455	7	2
WASSERMAN	11	5	45	88	0	1
SHERRY	3	0	0	0	0	0
Griffith	72	27	38	543	7	3
Opponent	53	11	21	88	0	5

8. Receiver

	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Longest
CROSEK	4	150	37.5	4	60
MASSA	2	45	22.5	0	32
MACISZAK	1	23	23	0	23
MIKLUSAK	4	39	9.8	1	13
BELL	2	42	21	0	27
LAMB	10	181	18.1	1	42
GARVEY	1	8	8	0	8
WOROSZ	1	24	24	0	24
MATHEWS	2	31	15.5	1	33
Griffith	27	543	20.1	7	60
Opponent	11	88	8	0	22

9. Rusher

	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Longest
MATHEWS	60	253	4.2	3	26
LAMB	43	302	7	3	34
DJUKIC	42	137	3.3	3	22
GARVEY	21	81	3.9	2	19
POLITES	4	30	7.5	0	18
WASSERMAN	17	136	8	2	57
WOROSZ	11	56	5.1	1	24
LESLIE,T.	10	15	1.5	0	3
MURDOCK	5	21	4.2	0	14
LESLIE,S.	6	29	4.8	1	15
HARWOOD	3	7	2.3	0	5
DEWES	1	0	0	0	0
Griffith	223	1067	4.8	15	57
Opponent	203	790	3.9	7	59

Punts	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Block	Longest
VERBICH	19	704	37.1		57
Griffith	19	704	37.1		57
Opponent	23	686	29.8		46

Kickoff	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Longest
SUTTON	10	470	47	51
MURDOCK	13	568	43.7	60
SUTKOWSKI	7	276	39.4	45
Griffith	30	1314	43.8	60
Opponent	16	672	42	59

Punt Ret.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Longest
LAMB	1	-12	-12	0	-12
GARVEY	4	43	10.8	0	17
POLITES	1	12	12	0	12
WASSERMAN	1	0	0	0	0
CROSEK	1	14	14	0	14
MURDOCK	2	16	8	0	13
DJUKIC	2	24	12	0	13
Griffith	12	97	8.1	0	17
Opponent	9	69	7.7	0	14

K.O.Ret.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Longest.
WOROSZ	2	5	2.5	0	6
LOPEZ	1	1	1	0	1
POLITES	3	56	18.7	0	27
MATHEWS	3	72	24	0	35
MURDOCK	2	19	9.5	0	11
MACISZAK	1	24	24	0	24
GARVEY	1	15	15	0	15
Griffith	13	192	14.8	0	35
Opponent	28	408	14.6	0	45

Scoring	Rush	Pass	Pat 1	Pat 2	Safety	KO Ret	Fum Rec.	FG	Pun R	Int.	Total
CROSEK		4									24
LAMB	3	1		1							26
DJUKIC	3										18
WOROSZ	1										6
WASSERMAN	2										12
SUTTON			12					1			15
MURDOCK			5								5
SCHREIBER					1						2
MATHEWS	3	1									24
GARVEY	2										12
LESLIE,S.	1									1	12
MIKLUSAK		1									6
Griffith	15	7	17	1	1	—	—	1	—	1	162
Opponent	7	—	4	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	55

Weekly football honor roll

How Top 10 Fared

Results of games Friday and Saturday involving The Associated Press Top 10 Indiana high school football teams:

Class 5A

- 1. Carmel (6-0) beat Muncie South 39-15.
- 2. Penn (6-0) beat South Bend LaSalle 41-6.
- **3. LAKE CENTRAL (6-0) beat 3A No.8 GRIFFITH 29-0.**
- 4. Indianapolis Ben Davis (5-1) beat Decatur Central 32-6.
- **5. MERRILLVILLE (5-1) lost to 4A No.5 ANDREAN 3-0.**
- 6. Marion (6-0) beat Anderson 37-10.
- 7. Warren Central (4-2) beat Indianapolis Cathedral 14-10.
- 8. Fort Wayne Northrop (5-1) beat Fort Wayne Snider 14-10.
- 9. Indianapolis North Central (4-2) beat Indianapolis Tech 44-8.
- 10. Southport (5-1) beat Perry Meridian 10-7.

Class 4A

- **1. HOBART (6-0) beat PORTAGE 24-14.**
- 2. Franklin Central (6-0) beat Center Grove 20-19 OT.
- 3. Evansville Reitz (5-1) lost to Evansville North 20-14.
- 4. South Bend Washington (4-2) lost to South Bend Clay 7-6.
- **5. ANDREAN (5-1) beat 5A No.5 MERRILLVILLE 3-0.**
- 6. Lafayette Harrison (5-1) beat Benton Central 19-3.
- 7. Mt. Vernon (Posey) (6-0) beat Tell City 15-12.
- 8. Greenwood (6-0) beat Franklin 32-0.
- 9. Franklin County (6-0) beat South Dearborn 44-27.
- 10. Columbia City (5-1) beat East Noble 31-8.

Class 3A

- 1. Fort Wayne Dwenger (6-0) beat 2A No.7 Fort Wayne Luers 21-0.
- 2. South Bend St. Joseph's (5-1) lost to Dowagiac, Mich. 7-0
- 3. Tipton (6-0) beat Wabash 42-12.
- 4. Jasper (6-0) beat Gibson Southern 39-0 (susp., 3rd, rain).
- 5. Whitko (6-0) beat A No.8 N.Miami 13-9.
- 6. Charlestown (5-1) beat Brownstown 29-14.
- 7. Northwestern (6-0) beat Tri-Central 24-20.
- **8. GRIFFITH (4-2) lost 5A No.3 LAKE CENTRAL 29-20.**
- 9. New Palestine (5-1) beat Triton Central 18-0.
- 10. Salem (6-0) beat Paoli 50-7.

Class 2A

- 1. Western Boone (6-0) beat Zionsville 42-21.
- 2. South Spencer (6-0) beat Corydon 44-14.
- 3. Frankton (6-0) beast Eastern Hancock 48-0.
- 4. Eastside (6-0) beat Angola 26-8.
- 5. Glenn (5-1) lost to New Prairie 19-12.
- 6. Monrovia (5-1) beat Edgewood 28-12.
- 7. Fort Wayne Luers (3-3) lost to 3A No.1 Fort Wayne Dwenger 21-0.
- 8. North Knox (5-1) beat Linton 14-0.
- 9. Hagerstown (6-0) beat Centerville 37-13.
- 10. Hamilton Heights (5-1) beat Westfield 29-12.

Class A

- 1. Springs Valley (6-0) beat Wood Memorial 48-0 (susp., 3rd, rain).
- 2. Bremen (6-0) beat Knox 37-0.
- 3. South Decatur (6-0) beat Milan 29-0.
- 4. Clinton Central (5-1) lost to No.5 South Adams 19-6.
- 5. South Adams (6-0) beat No.4 Clinton Central 19-6.
- 6. Southwood (5-1) beat Manchester 20-6.
- 7. North Putnam (5-1) beat Cascade 47-6.
- 8. North Miami (4-2) lost to 3A No.5 Whitko 13-9.
- 9. Tri High (4-1) at Lapel Sat.
- 10. Tecumseh (4-2) beat West Washington 34-0.

Other athletes nominated for the Post-Tribune offensive and defensive Players of the Week.

OFFENSE

- **Brian Fattore (Hobart)** — Area's top rusher and scorer ran 13 times for 110 yards, including a 70-yard TD burst to give Hobart a 7-6 lead on the Brickies' first offensive play in a 24-14 win.
- **Mike Pulido and Chip Pettit (Crown Point)** — Pulido gained 122 yards on 16 carries and Pettit was 6 for 10 passing with four touchdown passes.
- **Abe Rivera (Hammond Clark)** — Despite a 14-13 loss to Hammond Morton, the 6-foot, 205-pound senior fullback scored both Clark TDs — on runs of 12 and 23 yards — and gained 132 yards rushing on 20 carries. Rivera also caught a pass for 15 yards and threw another for 45.
- **Matt Hendershott (Portage)** — The junior led all rushers with 122 yards on 16 carries vs. Hobart, including a nine-yard touchdown run and a 50-yard burst to set up the other TD.
- **Jeremy Baugh, Joe Ercus (Lake Central)** — Baugh finished with 91 yards on 10 carries, including a 40-yard touchdown run; Ercus scored two touchdowns on runs of three and 16 yards.
- **John Verbich (Griffith)** — Averaged 39.8 yards on six punts vs. Lake Central.
- **Ramon Stallings (Calumet)** — The senior tailback rushed 20 times for 110 yards and scored Calumet's only touchdown in loss to Lowell.
- **Andre Jones (Hammond)** — Scored two TDs, including game-winner on an 80-yard catch, as Hammond rallied past Gary Roosevelt 20-13. He caught three passes for 118 yards.
- **Steve Miller (Hammond)** — Quarterback completed 9 of 24 for 216 yards, including a game-winning, 80-yard scoring pass to Andre Jones.
- **William Wilkes (Gary Roosevelt)** — Scored both Roosevelt TDs, on a 55-yard punt return and 50-yard run, and gained 107 yards on 14 carries.
- **Jason Woodward (Highland)** — Ran nine times for 52 yards, including a nine-yard TD, in 13-0 win over Kankakee Valley.
- **Jeff Allard (Whiting)** — Gained 91 yards of Whiting's 124 yards rushing on 17 carries.
- **David Brys (Hammond Morton)** — Scored both Morton TDs in the first quarter, on runs of one and two yards, and the Governors held on for a 14-13 win over Hammond Clark.
- **Mike Mireles (Hammond Morton)** — Was Morton's rushing leader in victory over Clark with 118 yards on 16 carries.
- **Craig Fentin (Hammond Gavit)** — Threw two

Local standings

Duneland Conference

	CON. W	CON. L	ALL W	ALL L	PF	PA
Hobart	4	0	6	0	213	49
Merrillville	4	0	5	1	124	45
Portage	2	2	3	3	123	124
LaPorte	2	2	2	4	49	102
M.C. Rogers	2	2	4	2	91	74
Valparaiso	1	4	2	4	99	145
Chesterton	0	5	0	6	36	131

Lake Shore Conference

	CON. W	CON. L	ALL W	ALL L	PF	PA
Hammond	2	0	4	2	99	77
Ham. Gavit	2	1	5	1	103	39
Ham. Morton	1	1	4	2	71	56
Ham. Noll	1	1	2	4	99	132
Ham. Clark	0	3	2	4	74	108

Lake Suburban Conference

	CON. W	CON. L	ALL W	ALL L	PF	PA
Lake Central	4	0	6	0	172	20
Crown Point	4	1	4	2	115	33
Griffith	3	2	4	2	162	55
Highland	2	2	3	3	93	99
Munster	1	3	2	4	71	155
Lowell	1	3	2	4	45	132
Calumet	0	4	0	6	36	158

Northwestern Conference

	CON. W	CON. L	ALL W	ALL L	PF	PA
Gary Wallace	3	0	5	1	193	63
Gary Roosevelt	2	1	3	2	74	78
Gary West	2	1	2	3	96	78
Gary Wirt	1	3	1	5	71	162
Gary Mann	0	3	1	5	26	189

NW Hoosier Conference

	CON. W	CON. L	ALL W	ALL L	PF	PA
River Forest	3	1	5	1	134	32
Lake Station	3	1	5	1	87	47
Rensselaer	3	2	3	3	102	88
North Judson	2	2	3	3	141	60
Kank. Valley	2	2	2	4	38	81
North Newton	0	5	0	6	32	206

Independents

	W	L	PF	PA
Andrean	5	1	162	76
East Chicago	3	3	141	102
Whiting	1	5	102	158

High school football statistical leaders

THROUGH WEEK 6

Area high school football leaders based on statistics supplied to the Post-Tribune; six-game averages, 33 teams eligible:

OFFENSE

Rushing offense

1, Gary Wallace	312.3
2, East Chicago	255.2
3, River Forest	248.3
4, Hobart	244.5
5, Lake Central	216.7
6, Hammond Morton	191.3
7, Merrillville	183.0
8, North Judson	182.7
9, Griffith	178.2
10, Hammond Clark	160.5
11, Crown Point	150.5
12, Gary Roosevelt	149.8
13, Lake Station	147.7
14, Portage	139.7
15, Gary West	139.6
16, Valparaiso	134.8
17, Rensselaer	130.7
18, Hammond Gavit	128.7
19, Andrean	125.2
20, Kankakee Valley	123.2
21, Whiting	121.0
22, Munster	114.7
23, MC Rogers	111.7
24, Highland	98.8
25, LaPorte	97.2
26, Gary Wirt	86.0
27, Chesterton	85.0
28, Lowell	76.5
29, Calumet	58.2
30, Hammond	55.2
31, North Newton	41.5
32, Gary Mann	39.3
33, Hammond Noll	39.0

Passing offense

1, Whiting	178.7
2, Valparaiso	137.7
3, Hammond	136.2
4, Hammond Noll	133.2
5, Highland	99.7
6, Andrean	97.7
7, Portage	93.7
8, Hobart	92.5
9, Merrillville	91.3
10, Griffith	89.7
11, MC Rogers	86.2
12, Hammond Gavit	85.5
13, North Newton	81.8
14, Gary Wirt	80.0
15, Crown Point	78.7
16, Munster	73.5
17, Hammond Clark	71.0
18, Lake Central	65.3
19, Rensselaer	65.0
20, River Forest	64.3
21, North Judson	63.5
22, LaPorte	61.2
23, Lowell	57.0
24, Kankakee Valley	54.7
25, Calumet	53.0
26, Lake Station	51.8
27, Gary Wallace	49.2
28, Gary West	44.4
29, Chesterton	43.8
30, Gary Roosevelt	32.0
31, East Chicago	31.7
32, Gary Mann	17.0
33, Hammond Morton	8.8

Total offense

1, Gary Wallace	361.5
2, Hobart	337.0
3, River Forest	312.7
4, Whiting	299.7
5, East Chicago	286.8
6, Lake Central	282.0
7, Merrillville	274.3
8, Valparaiso	272.5
9, Griffith	267.8
10, North Judson	246.2
11, Portage	233.3
12, Hammond Clark	231.5
13, Crown Point	229.2
14, Andrean	222.8
15, Hammond Gavit	214.2
16, Hammond Morton	200.2
17, Lake Station	199.5
18, Highland	198.5
19, MC Rogers	197.8
20, Rensselaer	195.7
21, Hammond	191.3
22, Gary West	191.2
23, Munster	188.2
24, Gary Roosevelt	181.8
25, Kankakee Valley	177.8
26, Hammond Noll	172.2
27, Gary Wirt	166.0
28, LaPorte	158.3
29, Lowell	133.5
30, Chesterton	128.8
31, North Newton	123.3
32, Calumet	111.2
33, Gary Mann	55.3

Scoring offense

1, Hobart	35.5
2, Gary Wallace	31.5
3, Lake Central	28.7
4, Andrean	27.0
4, Griffith	27.0
6, East Chicago	23.5
6, North Judson	23.5
8, River Forest	22.3
9, Merrillville	20.7
10, Portage	20.5
11, Crown Point	19.2
11, Gary West	19.2
13, Hammond Gavit	17.2
14, Rensselaer	17.0
14, Whiting	17.0
16, Hammond	16.5
16, Hammond Noll	16.5
16, Valparaiso	16.5
19, Highland	15.8
20, MC Rogers	15.2
21, Gary Roosevelt	14.8
22, Lake Station	14.5
23, Hammond Clark	12.7
24, Gary Wirt	11.8
24, Hammond Morton	11.8
24, Munster	11.8
27, LaPorte	9.3
28, Lowell	7.5
29, Kankakee Valley	6.3
30, Chesterton	6.0
31, North Newton	5.3
32, Calumet	4.5
33, Gary Mann	4.3

DEFENSE

Rushing defense

1, Lake Central	48.7
2, River Forest	62.2
3, East Chicago	62.5
4, Hobart	73.5
5, Gary Wallace	85.2
6, Crown Point	85.3
7, Gary West	87.4
8, North Judson	93.0
9, Merrillville	94.2
10, MC Rogers	108.0
11, Andrean	111.0
12, Lake Station	112.3
13, Hammond Morton	117.3
14, Hammond Gavit	119.8
15, Kankakee Valley	131.7
16, Griffith	136.8
17, Portage	137.0
18, Highland	142.3
19, Chesterton	150.0
20, Calumet	153.7
21, LaPorte	154.8
22, Hammond Clark	157.8
23, Gary Roosevelt	158.6
24, Valparaiso	159.7
25, Gary Mann	160.5
26, Lowell	164.7
27, Hammond	170.8
28, Munster	172.0
29, Whiting	174.7
30, Gary Wirt	177.5
31, Rensselaer	185.2
32, Hammond Noll	212.3
33, North Newton	278.0

Passing defense

1, Griffith	14.5
2, Gary West	45.0
3, North Judson	45.2
4, Merrillville	46.8
5, Hammond	48.3
6, Lake Central	52.5
7, North Newton	53.5
8, Gary Mann	57.7
9, Lake Station	58.2
10, Hammond Gavit	62.2
11, Gary Roosevelt	62.4
12, Valparaiso	62.7
13, Gary Wallace	62.8
14, Calumet	63.5
15, River Forest	66.2
16, Gary Wirt	69.7
17, Chesterton	70.7
18, Hammond Morton	71.8
19, Hammond Noll	77.7
20, Kankakee Valley	78.2
21, Hammond Clark	79.0
22, Hobart	82.8
23, Crown Point	83.7
24, Munster	86.8
25, Rensselaer	90.7
26, East Chicago	91.3
27, Andrean	94.8
28, Lowell	96.0
29, MC Rogers	96.8
30, Portage	101.5
31, Highland	102.2
32, LaPorte	115.3
33, Whiting	115.7

coring defense

1, Lake Central	3.3
2, River Forest	5.3
3, Crown Point	5.5
4, Hammond Gavit	6.5
5, Merrillville	7.5
6, Lake Station	7.8
7, Hobart	8.2
8, Griffith	9.2
9, Hammond Morton	9.3
10, North Judson	10.0
11, Gary Wallace	10.5
12, MC Rogers	12.3
13, Andrean	12.7
14, Hammond	12.8
15, Kankakee Valley	13.5
16, Rensselaer	14.7
17, Gary Roosevelt	15.6
17, Gary West	15.6
19, Highland	16.5
20, East Chicago	17.0
20, LaPorte	17.0
22, Hammond Clark	18.0
23, Portage	20.7
24, Chesterton	22.0
24, Hammond Noll	22.0
24, Lowell	22.0
27, Valparaiso	24.2
28, Munster	25.8
29, Whiting	26.3
30, Calumet	26.7
31, Gary Wirt	29.3
32, Gary Mann	31.5
33, North Newton	34.3

NOTE: Gary Roosevelt and Gary West played five games.

Total defense

1, Lake Central	101.2
2, River Forest	128.
3, Gary West	132.
4, North Judson	138.2
5, Merrillville	141.0
6, Gary Wallace	148.
7, Griffith	151.
8, East Chicago	153.
9, Hobart	156.3
10, Hammond Morton	158.3
11, Crown Point	169
12, Lake Station	170
13, Hammond Gavit	182.
14, MC Rogers	204.8
15, Andrean	205.
16, Kankakee Valley	209
17, Calumet	217
18, Gary Mann	218.2
19, Hammond	219.2
20, Chesterton	220
21, Gary Roosevelt	221
22, Valparaiso	222.
23, Hammond Clark	236.8
24, Portage	238.
25, Highland	244
26, Gary Wirt	247
27, Munster	258.8
28, Lowell	261.3
29, LaPorte	270
30, Renssealer	275
31, Hammond Noll	290
32, Whiting	290.3
33, North Newton	331.5

Panthers drop second conference game

Looking ahead to Sectional match up with Benton Central

By Darrick Ramsey

Last Friday the Panthers were held scoreless against Lake Central 29-0. The third ranked 5A Class Indians are 6-0 overall.

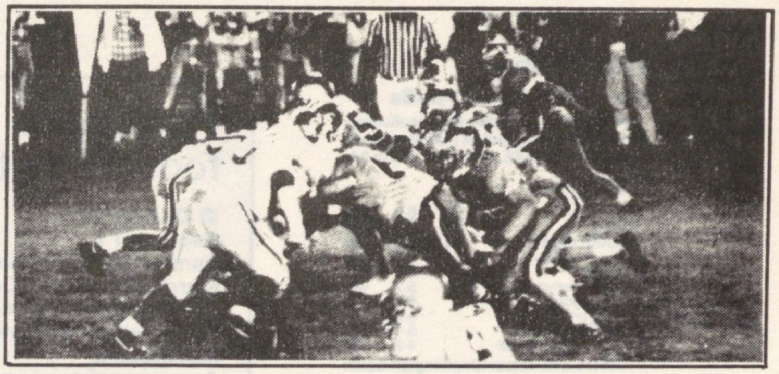
This was the first shutout for the Panthers since October 9, 1987 when Highland won 29-0.

"We didn't have one man the size of the majority of their team." said lineman Coach Dick Reyome. Lake Central listed 36 players that weighed over 200 pounds.

At the half things weren't as bad as the final score projected. Lake Central lead 3-0 at the end of the first quarter, and 16-0 at the half. "I think we could have played better but when your outmanned the way we were there isn't much you could do." said senior Bill Polites.

The third quarter was opened by two Lake Central touchdowns which completed the final score 29-0.

This was Lake Central's fourth shutout in six games, with no touchdowns scored against Lake Central's defense this season. The Panthers came into this game looking up from a 36-0 blowout of Calumet at Homecoming. "Considering all the distractions in a normal homecoming game we did well but we were a little below par." said Coach Reyome.

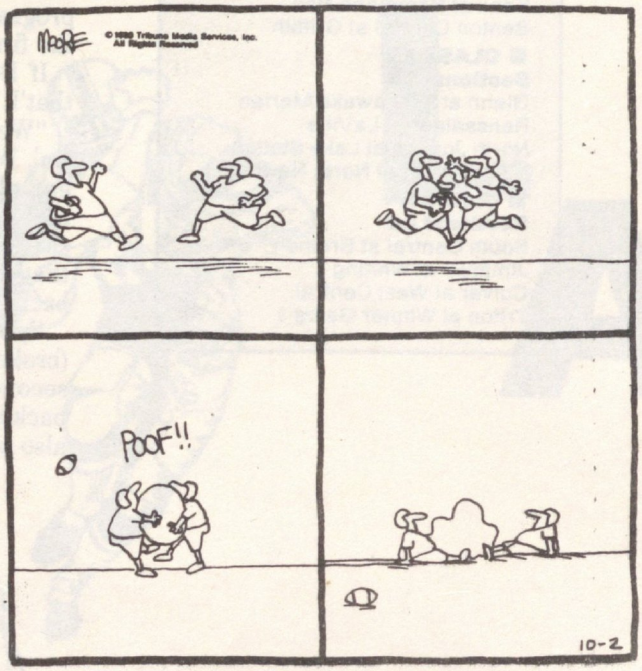


The offensive line holds tough agaist Calumet's rush in a 36-0 victory. The further success of the season depends heavily on the line.

The team came out to a slow start in the first half and could only come up with 6 points making the score 6-0 Panthers. The Panthers gathered themselves at the half and scored a total of 30 points in the second half. "We weren't into the game at first but we played a lot harder in the second half" said senior Alex Djukic.

The Panthers play Highland tonight and they are looking to beat the 3-3 Trojans. Bill Pollites said "They are always tough but I'm sure we will come out ready to play."

In the bleachers



Safety air bags are introduced to football.

HIGH SCHOOL

Associated Press polls

With first-place votes in parentheses, records and rating points (440 possible in Class 5A, 420 in 4A, 380 in 3A, 380 in 2A, and 320 in A).

■ Class 5A

1. Carmel	(17)	6-0	430
2. Penn	(4)	6-0	384
3. LAKE CENTRAL	**(1)**	**6-0**	**338**
4. Ind. Ben Davis		5-1	304
5. Marion		6-0	282
6. F.W. Northrop		5-1	163
7. Southport		5-1	153
8. Warren Central		4-2	148
9. MERRILLVILLE		**5-1**	**141**
10. Ind. North Central		4-2	120

Others with votes: Bloomington South 71, **Gary Wallace 25,** Jeffersonville 15, Mishawaka 10, Martinsville 9, Elkhart Central 8, F.W. North 8, Lawrence Central 7, Castle 6, Ind. Perry Meridian 6, Warsaw 6.

■ Class 4A

1. HOBART	**(19)**	**6-0**	**410**
2. Franklin Central	(1)	6-0	368
3. ANDREAN		**5-1**	**306**
4. Greenwood		6-0	227
5. Harrison (Tippecanoe)		5-1	218
6. Mt. Vernon (Posey)	(1)	6-0	210
7. Evansville Reitz		5-1	179
8. Franklin County		6-0	178
9. Columbia City		5-1	143
10. S.B. Washington		4-2	109

Others with votes: S.B. Clay 72, Concord 24, Evansville North 15, Ind. Pike 15, Homestead 14, New Haven 8, Floyd Central 6, **Highland 6,** Vincennes 6.

■ Class 3A

1. F.W. Dwenger	(15)	6-0	366
2. Tipton	(2)	6-0	324
3. Jasper	(2)	6-0	292
4. Whitko		6-0	250
5. S.B. St. Joseph's		5-1	220
6. Charlestown		5-1	173
7. Northwestern		6-0	162
8. New Palestine		5-1	140
9. Salem		6-0	126
10. GRIFFITH		**4-2**	**91**

Others with votes: Hamilton Southeastern 31, Mississinewa 23, Danville 20, Ind. Chatard 17, Lakeland 10, F.W. Harding 9, Crawfordsville 7, **Hammond Noll 7, Hammond Gavit 6.**

Class 2A

1. Western Boone	(14)	6-0	362
2. South Spencer	(5)	6-0	340
3. Frankton		6-0	302
4. Eastside		6-0	252
5. Monrovia		5-1	210
6. Hagerstown		6-0	160
7. North Knox		5-1	152
8. Hamilton Heights		5-1	124
9. Glenn		5-1	108
10. Winamac		6-0	66

Others with votes: F.W. Luers 64, Sullivan 40, Greencastle 33, Cass 28, West Lafayette 21, Clarksville Providence 6, Rochester 6.

Class A

1. Springs Valley	(9)	6-0	304
2. Bremen	(5)	6-0	288
3. South Decatur	(2)	6-0	260
4. South Adams		6-0	226
5. Southwood		5-1	169
6. North Putnam		5-1	135
7. Clinton Central		5-1	133
8. Tri High		5-1	121
9. North Miami		4-2	97
10. Tecumseh		4-2	76

Others with votes: Attica 49, Sheridan 26, Churubusco 18, Adams Central 6, Tri-Central 6.

First-round local football sectionals

■ CLASS 5A

Sectional 1
Hammond at Gary West
Merrillville at Lake Central
Gary Roosevelt at East Chicago
Gary Wallace at Crown Point

Sectional 2
Portage at Valparaiso
LaPorte at Chesterton
M.C. Rogers at S.B. LaSalle
Mishawaka at S.B. Riley

■ CLASS 4A

Sectional 9
Calumet at Gary Mann
Hammond Morton at Clark
Highland at Munster
Andrean at Lowell

Sectional 10
Goshen at Hobart
Concord at S.B. Clay
M.C. Elston at S.B. Adams
Gary Wirt at S.B. Washington

■ CLASS 3A

Sectional 17
Twin Lakes at Hammond Gavit
Kankakee Valley at New Prairie
Knox at Hammond Noll
Benton Central at Griffith

■ CLASS 2A

Sectional 25
Glenn at Mishawaka Marian
Rensselaer at LaVille
North Judson at Lake Station
River Forest at North Newton

■ CLASS A

Sectional 33
South Central at Bremen
Jimtown at Whiting
Culver at West Central
Triton at Winner Game 1

■ Griffith (4-2, 3-2) travels to Highland (3-3, 2-2) Friday night in a Lake Suburban Conference game.

The Panthers routed Highland 57-8 last season.

"How can I forget it?" Highland coach Rick Flutka said. "That really says it all. If I have to remind the kids what happened last year, I guess we're not ready.

"I don't think we look at it as revenge. We just want to play better."

Griffith was shut out 29-0 against Lake Central, while Highland blanked Kankakee Valley 13-0 Friday.

Griffith, the slight favorite in Class 3A Sectional 17, hosts run-and-shoot Benton Central in a game that will pit teacher against student.

"Looks to me like we got a pretty good draw. Benton Central has not been very good for several years," said Coach Les Thornton. "They may be a little bit better this year than last year. They beat Lowell. Last year, Lowell beat them.

"I know their coach, Mitch Terpstra, real well. I coached him when he was in junior high in DeMotte. I started an eighth-grade football program there and he was one of the first kids I had."

If BC proves to be a pushover, that'll be fine with Thornton.

"We need some time. We're hurtin'. We've been banged up and we got more banged up last Friday night (against Lake Central)," he said. "Yeah, we need anything that'll give us time to get some guys back."

Split end/linebacker Jim Crosek (broken leg) has been out since the second game of the season. Halfback/safety Mike Worosz (ribs) is also on the shelf.

HIGHLAND



Griffith picks on Highland

By TIM PHILLIPS
Times Correspondent

HIGHLAND – After spending recent weeks dealing with Class 5A powers Lake Central and Crown Point, Griffith picked on someone a little smaller Friday night.

The Class 3A 10th-ranked Panthers scored on their first three possessions and were never threatened en route to a 28–14 Lake Suburban Conference victory over Highland.

Griffith thoroughly dominated the game, outgaining Highland 235–92 in total yards as the Panthers looked fully recovered from last week's 29–0 whipping at the hands of Lake Central.

"We really controlled the game by doing what we do best, which is running the football," Griffith coach Les Thornton said. "We were able to get our fullback going tonight and we were looking for 20 carries from him and we came real close. (Nick Matthews 92 yards in 18 carries).

"We were down, really down on Monday after the Lake Central game. We could hardly practice. I had a bunch of guys who were sore and hurt and I had some out sick who didn't even practice."

"But then we had the sectional draw on Tuesday and that got the kids excited," Thornton added. "Then our guys started coming back to practice and you could see the confidence building toward the end of the week."

Griffith set the tempo for the evening on its first drive, blowing huge holes in the Highland defensive line and rolling 86 yards and 13 plays for a 7–0 lead. Matthews carried seven times in the drive and scored from three yards out to put the Panthers on top.

Griffith extended the lead to 21–0 after scoring on its next two possessions. Clint Lamb scored on an eight-yard run to cap a 12–play, 58–yard second-quarter drive. Don Wasserman, subbing for regular starting quarterback Alex Djukic, added a five-yard TD run.

Highland's Marc Wohadlo responded by returning the ensuing kickoff 92 yards for a touchdown to cut the halftime deficit to 21–7.

Wasserman added a one-yard touchdown run in the third quarter for Griffith, while Wohadlo scored again for Highland late in the game, connecting with reserve quarterback Mike Rossi on a 15–yard touchdown pass.

Griffith shut down Highland's passing game limiting the Trojans to three completions in 12 attempts and intercepting two Brian Guzek passes.

"We were really reeling and hurting after that loss last week," Thornton added. "Not because of the loss but because we were beat up physically. But playing well and controlling the ball the way we did tonight will sure help our confidence."

Griffith, now 5–2, 4–2, will conclude regular season play next week when it hosts Kankakee Valley. Highland (3–4, 2–3) will visit Lowell in its regular-season finale.

	G	H
Net Yards Rushing	221	64
Net Yards Passing	14	28
Total yards gained	235	92
First Downs	13	4
Passes att/comp/int	6/1/0	12/3/2
Punts/avg.	2/36	4/32
Penalties/yards	5/50	6/55
Fumbles/lost	2/2	2/1

SCORING BY QUARTERS

GRIFFITH	7	14	7	0	28
HIGHLAND	0	7	0	7	14

INDIVIDUAL SCORING

GR – Nick Matthews, 3 run (Scott Sutton kick)
GR – Clint Lamb, 8 run (Sutton kick)
GR – Don Wasserman, 5 run (Sutton kick)
HI – Marc Wohadlo, 92 kickoff return (Keith Carstensen kick)
GR – Wasserman, 1 run (Sutton kick)
HI – Wohadlo, 15 pass from Mike Rossi (Carstensen kick)

Friday's high school football

LOCAL ROUNDUP ON PAGE C3

#1 (4A) Hobart	19	Gary Wallace	18
#9 (5A) Merrillville	13	Gary Mann	0
#3 (5A) Lake Central	50	Hammond Clark	7
Lowell	0	Hammond High	2
#3 (4A) Andrean	17	Hammond Noll	41
Chesterton	0	Hammond Morton	6
#10 (3A) Griffith	28	Lake Station	20
Highland	14	Kankakee Valley	0
Portage	41	River Forest	27
Valparaiso	29	North Judson	20
M.C. Rogers	14	Crown Point	17
LaPorte	7	East Chicago	9
Munster	32	Laf. Central Catholic	15
Calumet	14	Rensselaer	14
Gary West	34	Gary Wirt	12
Gary Roosevelt	19	North Newton	8
		Hammond Gavit	33
		Whiting	13

Griffith downs Highland

By Jeff Foss
Correspondent

HIGHLAND — It was homecoming Friday night at Ken Sypult Memorial Field, and a large Highland crowd whooped it up in the pregame.

But that's all.

Griffith silenced Highland and its football fans 28-14 in a Lake Suburban Conference game.

Don't be misled by the score, because statistically, the Class 3A, 10th-ranked Panthers dominated.

Griffith (4-2, 5-2) scored on its first three possessions and outrushed Highland 243-68 on the night to record its third straight win over the Trojans since 1988.

Senior fullback Nick Matthews (19 carries, 89 yards) and senior halfback Clint Lamb (16 carries, 80 yards) paced Griffith's potent wishbone attack. Both had touchdown runs in the first half.

Panther reserve quarterback Don Wasserman scored on runs of 5 and 1 yard.

"That's what we kinda planned to do," Griffith coach Les Thornton said. "We wanted to come out and run the ball with our fullback (Matthews). And that's what we did.

"We controlled the ball very well. We had some nice drives to start the game."

Following a Highland punt, Griffith took over and marched 75 yards in 13 plays to score its first of four touchdowns. Matthews, who had 73 yards rushing in the first half, capped the drive with a 3-yard run at the 3:22 mark of the first quarter.

The Panthers' second possession for a touchdown covered 61 yards in 12 plays. Lamb scored from the 8 with 6:45 left in the half.

Wasserman added a 5-yard touchdown run on Griffith's third possession. The TD drive covered 38 yards in 10 plays.

Griffith outgained Highland 198-37 in the first half and led 21-7.

"That's as well as we've played in the first half all year," Thornton said. "We controlled the game by running the football. Nothing fancy."

Highland (2-3, 3-4) scored with 1:04 left in the half on a 92-yard kickoff return by Marc Wohadlo. The senior wide receiver added a touchdown with 2:44 remaining on a 16-yard pass from quarterback Mike Rossi.

Rossi replaced starting quarterback Brian Guzek in the final period. He failed to complete a pass in seven attempts and was intercepted twice.

"It was the same thing as last year," Highland coach Rick Flutka said. "They were very successful on offense and we weren't."

Griffith routed Highland 57-8 last season.

"When Griffith is able to control the ball like they did, it's very difficult to get things going," Flutka said. "Against us, they look like a very good team. We haven't played very well against them for two years in a row.

"The score probably doesn't reflect the yardage disparity. We only scored on a kickoff return and late in the game when Griffith had its subs in the game. For our defense, the wishbone is a tough offense to defend."

Highland was held six first downs, with one coming on a Griffith penalty. The Trojans did not have a first down in the second or third quarter.

Griffith bounced back after a 29-0 loss to unbeaten Lake Central last week.

"We were down, really down after the loss," Thornton said. "But this is a game our kids needed. We played well and controlled the ball, especially in the first half. That's a good sign."

GRIFFITH	7	14	7	0—28
HIGHLAND	0	7	0	7—14

SCORING

G — Mathews 3 run (Sutton kick)
G — Lamb 8 run (Sutton kick)
G — Wasserman 5 run (Sutton kick)
H — Wohadlo 92 kickoff return (Carstensen kick)
G — Wasserman 1 run (Sutton kick)
H — Wohadlo 16 pass from Rossi (Carstensen kick)

STATISTICS

	G	H
First downs	15	6
Yards rushing	243	68
Yards passing	23	32
Passes	2-7	3-13
Intercepted by	2	0
Punts — avg. yards	3-33.3	3-32
Fumbles — lost	2-2	3-1
Penalties — yards	4-40	6-55

HIGH SCHOOL

How Top 10 Fared

Class 5A

1. Carmel (7-0) beat Huntington North 35-14.
2. Penn (7-0) beat Elkhart Memorial 48-0.
3. **LAKE CENTRAL (7-0) beat Lowell 50-0.**
4. Ind. Ben Davis (6-1) beat Perry Meridian 21-7.
5. Marion (7-0) beat New Castle 42-0.
6. Fort Wayne Northrop (5-1) at Fort Wayne South, Saturday.
7. Southport (6-1) beat Ind. Manual 35-13.
8. Warren Central (5-2) beat Terre Haute North 32-23.
9. **MERRILLVILLE (5-2) lost to 4A No.1 HOBART 19-13.**
10. Ind. North Central (4-2) at Massillon, Ohio, Sat.

Class 4A

1. **HOBART (7-0) beat 5A No.9 MERRILLVILLE 19-13.**
2. Franklin Central (7-0) beat Ind. Pike 7-3.
3. **ANDREAN (6-1) beat Chesterton 17-0.**
4. Greenwood (7-0) beat Mooresville 36-0.
5. Lafayette Harrison (5-2) lost to Ind. Cathedral 21-9.
6. Mt. Vernon (Posey) (7-0) beat Gibson Southern 47-0.
7. Evansville Reitz (5-1) at Evansville Bosse Sat.
8. Franklin County (7-0) beat Batesville 36-3.
9. Columbia City (6-1) beat Carroll (Allen) 13-0.
10. South Bend Washington (5-2) beat Mishawaka 20-10.

Class 3A

1. Fort Wayne Dwenger (7-0) beat Fort Wayne Elmhurst 56-0.
2. Tipton (7-0) beat Madison-Grant 59-0.
3. Jasper (7-0) beat Washington 48-0.
4. Whitko (7-0) beat Rochester 12-9.
5. South Bend St. Joseph's (6-1) beat Mishawaka Marian 43-7.
6. Charlestown (5-2) lost to No.9 Salem 21-6.
7. Northwestern (7-0) beat Eastbrook 32-12.
8. New Palestine (6-1) beat Eastern Hancock 40-0.
9. Salem (7-0) beat No.6 Charlestown 21-6.
10. **GRIFFITH (5-2) beat Highland 28-14.**

Class 2A

1. Western Boone (7-0) beat Southmont 41-6.
2. South Spencer (6-0) vs Pike Central Sat.
3. Frankton (7-0) beat Wes-Del 28-7.
4. Eastside (7-0) beat Leo 25-0.
5. Monrovia (6-1) beat Tri-West 32-0.
6. Hagerstown (7-0) beat Union City 32-9.
7. North Knox (6-1) beat North Daviess 45-0.
8. Hamilton Hts. (6-1) beat Hamilton Southeastern 14-3.
9. Glenn (6-1) beat Culver 41-0.
10. Winamac (7-0) beat South Newton 33-0.

Class A

1. Springs Valley (7-0) beat Perry Central 50-0.
2. Bremen (7-0) beat Jimtown 24-0.
3. South Decatur (7-0) beat North Decatur 21-6.
4. South Adams (7-0) beat Woodlan 21-0.
5. Southwood (6-1) beat Northfield 44-0.
6. North Putnam (6-1) beat Cloverdale 42-15.
7. Clinton Central (6-1) beat Tri-Central 22-0.
8. Tri High (6-1) beat Knightstown 60-0.
9. North Miami (5-2) beat Tippecanoe Valley 35-7.
10. Tecumseh (4-3) lost to Southridge 9-6, OT.

High school football statistical leaders

THROUGH WEEK 7

Area high school football leaders based on statistics supplied to the Post-Tribune; seven-game averages, 33 teams eligible:

OFFENSE

Rushing offense

1, Gary Wallace	308.6
2, East Chicago	236.9
2, River Forest	236.9
4, Lake Central	236.7
5, Hobart	233.0
6, Griffith	187.4
7, Hammond Morton	184.9
8, Merrillville	175.6
9, Gary West	175.3
10, North Judson	172.1
11, Rensselaer	159.4
12, Crown Point	159.0
13, Valparaiso	148.6
14, Portage	145.9
15, Gary Roosevelt	143.7
15, Hammond Clark	143.7
17, Lake Station	140.6
18, Hammond Gavit	131.9
19, Andrean	122.1
20, Kankakee Valley	114.7
21, Whiting	112.0
22, Munster	111.4
23, MC Rogers	103.0
24, Gary Wirt	98.9
25, Highland	94.4
26, LaPorte	93.0
27, Chesterton	76.6
28, Lowell	67.3
29, Calumet	63.7
30, Hammond Noll	58.9
31, Hammond	53.4
32, North Newton	36.3
33, Gary Mann	35.7

Passing offense

1, Whiting	177.9
2, Hammond Noll	137.3
3, Valparaiso	134.0
4, Hammond	128.1
5, Andrean	107.4
6, Hobart	102.0
7, Portage	99.3
8, Hammond Gavit	97.4
9, Highland	90.0
10, Merrillville	88.7
11, MC Rogers	88.6
12, Griffith	80.1
13, Munster	76.0
13, North Newton	76.0
15, Crown Point	75.7
16, Gary Wirt	69.0
17, Hammond Clark	64.4
18, River Forest	63.3
19, North Judson	62.4
20, Lake Station	61.7
21, LaPorte	59.3
22, Rensselaer	58.6
23, Kankakee Valley	57.4
24, Lake Central	56.0
25, Lowell	54.1
26, Calumet	49.9
27, Gary Wallace	49.6
28, Chesterton	41.3
29, Gary West	37.0
30, East Chicago	29.9
31, Gary Roosevelt	28.3
32, Gary Mann	15.7
33, Hammond Morton	8.1

Total offense

1, Gary Wallace	358.1
2, Hobart	335.0
3, River Forest	300.1
4, Lake Central	292.7
5, Whiting	289.9
6, Valparaiso	282.6
7, Griffith	267.6
8, East Chicago	266.7
9, Merrillville	264.3
10, Portage	245.1
11, Crown Point	234.7
12, North Judson	234.6
13, Andrean	229.6
14, Hammond Gavit	229.3
15, Gary West	218.3
16, Rensselaer	218.0
17, Hammond Clark	208.1
18, Lake Station	202.3
19, Hammond Noll	196.1
20, Hammond Morton	193.0
21, MC Rogers	191.6
22, Munster	187.4
23, Highland	184.4
24, Hammond	181.6
25, Kankakee Valley	172.1
26, Gary Roosevelt	172.0
27, Gary Wirt	167.9
28, LaPorte	152.3
29, Lowell	121.4
30, Chesterton	117.9
31, Calumet	113.6
32, North Newton	112.3
33, Gary Mann	51.4

Scoring offense

1, Hobart	33.1
2, Lake Central	31.7
3, Gary Wallace	29.6
4, Griffith	27.1
5, Andrean	25.6
6, Portage	23.4
7, North Judson	23.0
7, River Forest	23.0
9, Gary West	21.7
10, East Chicago	21.4
11, Hammond Noll	20.0
12, Merrillville	19.6
13, Hammond Gavit	19.4
14, Crown Point	18.9
15, Valparaiso	18.3
16, Rensselaer	16.6
17, Whiting	16.4
18, Highland	15.6
19, Gary Roosevelt	15.5
20, Lake Station	15.3
21, MC Rogers	15.0
22, Munster	14.7
23, Hammond	14.4
24, Gary Wirt	11.9
24, Hammond Clark	11.9
26, Hammond Morton	11.0
27, LaPorte	9.0
28, Calumet	7.1
29, Lowell	6.4
30, North Newton	5.7
31, Kankakee Valley	5.4
32, Chesterton	5.1
33, Gary Mann	3.7

DEFENSE

Rushing defense

1, Lake Central	43.4
2, River Forest	68.9
3, Gary Wallace	75.9
4, Hobart	81.7
5, East Chicago	83.6
6, Crown Point	91.3
7, Gary West	91.7
8, Andrean	98.9
9, MC Rogers	102.3
10, North Judson	103.7
11, Merrillville	104.1
12, Lake Station	105.4
13, Hammond Gavit	111.0
14, Hammond Morton	126.0
15, Kankakee Valley	126.9
16, Griffith	127.0
17, LaPorte	140.0
18, Hammond Clark	141.4
19, Chesterton	143.4
20, Calumet	144.9
21, Portage	150.4
22, Hammond	152.6
23, Gary Wirt	152.9
24, Highland	156.7
25, Munster	161.3
26, Valparaiso	163.0
27, Rensselaer	166.3
28, Whiting	171.3
29, Gary Mann	178.4
30, Gary Roosevelt	191.2
31, Lowell	192.1
32, Hammond Noll	202.9
33, North Newton	263.4

Passing defense

1, Griffith	17.0
2, Gary West	39.2
3, Hammond	45.0
4, North Newton	46.3
5, North Judson	46.9
6, Lake Central	50.3
7, Gary Roosevelt	52.0
8, Gary Wallace	55.0
9, Gary Mann	56.9
10, Lake Station	60.4
11, Merrillville	62.1
12, River Forest	64.7
13, Gary Wirt	65.6
14, Hammond Noll	67.1
15, Calumet	67.4
16, Valparaiso	72.7
17, Crown Point	74.4
18, Hammond Gavit	78.0
19, Munster	78.9
20, Hammond Clark	79.1
21, Hobart	81.4
22, Lowell	82.3
23, Chesterton	84.3
23, Kankakee Valley	84.3
25, Hammond Morton	84.7
26, Andrean	85.0
27, East Chicago	86.6
28, MC Rogers	89.9
29, Highland	90.9
30, Rensselaer	97.9
31, Portage	103.0
32, LaPorte	113.6
33, Whiting	123.3

Total defense

1, Lake Central	93.7
2, Gary West	130.8
3, Gary Wallace	130.9
4, River Forest	133.6
5, Griffith	144.0
6, North Judson	150.6
7, Hobart	163.1
8, Crown Point	165.7
9, Lake Station	165.9
10, Merrillville	166.3
11, East Chicago	170.1
12, Andrean	183.9
13, Hammond Gavit	189.0
14, MC Rogers	192.1
15, Hammond	197.6
16, Hammond Morton	210.7
17, Kankakee Valley	211.1
18, Calumet	212.3
19, Gary Wirt	218.4
20, Hammond Clark	220.6
21, Chesterton	227.7
22, Gary Mann	235.3
23, Valparaiso	235.7
24, Munster	240.1
25, Gary Roosevelt	243.2
26, Highland	247.6
27, Portage	253.4
28, LaPorte	253.6
29, Rensselaer	264.1
30, Hammond Noll	270.0
31, Lowell	275.0
32, Whiting	294.6
33, North Newton	309.7

Scoring defense

1, Lake Central	2.9
2, Crown Point	6.0
3, Lake Station	6.7
4, Hammond Gavit	7.4
4, River Forest	7.4
6, Hobart	8.9
7, Gary Wallace	9.0
8, Merrillville	9.1
9, Griffith	9.9
10, Andrean	10.9
11, MC Rogers	11.6
12, Hammond	12.0
13, North Judson	12.4
14, Hammond Morton	13.9
15, Kankakee Valley	14.4
16, Rensselaer	14.7
17, Hammond Clark	15.7
18, Gary West	16.2
19, LaPorte	16.6
20, East Chicago	17.0
21, Highland	18.1
22, Gary Roosevelt	18.7
23, Hammond Noll	19.7
24, Chesterton	21.3
25, Portage	21.9
26, Munster	24.1
27, Lowell	26.0
28, Gary Wirt	26.3
29, Valparaiso	26.6
30, Whiting	27.3
31, Calumet	27.4
32, Gary Mann	29.6
33, North Newton	31.1

Local standings

■ Duneland Conference

	CON. W	CON. L	ALL W	ALL L	PF	PA
Hobart	5	0	7	0	232	62
Merrillville	4	1	5	2	137	64
M.C. Rogers	3	2	5	2	105	81
Portage	3	2	4	3	164	153
LaPorte	2	3	2	5	56	116
Valparaiso	1	5	2	5	128	186
Chesterton	0	5	0	7	36	148

■ Lake Shore Conference

	CON. W	CON. L	ALL W	ALL L	PF	PA
Ham. Gavit	2	1	6	1	136	52
Hammond	2	1	4	3	101	84
Ham. Noll	2	1	3	4	140	138
Ham. Morton	1	2	4	3	77	97
Ham. Clark	1	3	3	4	81	110

■ Lake Suburban Conference

	CON. W	CON. L	ALL W	ALL L	PF	PA
Lake Central	5	0	7	0	222	20
Crown Point	4	1	5	2	132	42
Griffith	4	2	5	2	190	69
Highland	2	3	3	4	107	127
Munster	2	3	3	4	103	169
Lowell	1	4	2	5	45	182
Calumet	0	5	0	7	50	190

■ Northwestern Conference

	CON. W	CON. L	ALL W	ALL L	PF	PA
Gary Wallace	4	0	6	1	211	63
Gary West	3	1	3	3	130	97
Gary Roosevelt	2	2	3	3	93	112
Gary Wirt	1	3	1	6	79	174
Gary Mann	0	4	1	6	26	207

■ NW Hoosier Conference

	CON. W	CON. L	ALL W	ALL L	PF	PA
River Forest	4	1	6	1	161	52
Lake Station	4	1	6	1	107	47
Rensselaer	3	2	3	4	117	102
North Judson	2	3	3	4	161	87
Kank. Valley	2	3	2	5	38	101
North Newton	0	5	1	6	44	214

■ Independents

	W	L	PF	PA
Andrean	6	1	179	76
East Chicago	3	4	150	119
Whiting	1	6	115	191

PANTHER STATS

1. Game# 7 Record: Win 5 Loss 2

2. Scoring

	1	2	3	4	OT	Total	Avg.
Opponent	16	33	13	7	0	69	9.9
Griffith	50	47	38	55	0	190	27.1

3. Off. Plays

	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg.
Opponent	232	67	299	42.7
Griffith	280	79	359	51.3

4. 1st Downs

	Rush	Pass	Pen.	Total	Avg.
Opponent	43	7	7	57	8.1
Griffith	63	21	9	93	13.3

5. Total Off.

	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg.
Opponent	857	121	978	139.7
Griffith	1327	566	1893	270.4

6. Fumbles

	No.	Recovered	Lost
Opponent	23	8	15
Griffith	19	11	8

7. Passing

	Attemp.	Com.	Pct	Yds	TD	Int
DJUKIC	58	22	38	455	7	2
WASSERMAN	18	7	39	111	0	1
SHERRY	3	0	0	0	0	0
Griffith	79	29	37	566	7	3
Opponent	67	14	21	121	1	7

8. Receiver

	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Longest
CROSLE	4	150	37.5	4	60
MASSA	3	55	18.3	0	32
MACISZAK	1	23	23	0	23
MIKLUSAK	4	39	9.8	1	13
BELL	2	42	21	0	27
LAMB	10	181	18.1	1	42
GARVEY	1	8	8	0	8
WOROSZ	1	24	24	0	24
MATHEWS	3	44	14.7	1	33
Griffith	29	566	19.5	7	60
Opponent	14	121	8.6	1	22

9. Rusher

	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Longest
MATHEWS	79	342	4.3	4	26
LAMB	57	372	6.5	4	34
DJUKIC	44	152	3.5	3	22
GARVEY	30	120	4	2	19
POLITES	4	30	7.5	0	18
WASSERMAN	24	161	6.7	4	57
WOROSZ	11	56	5.1	1	24
LESLIE,T.	13	29	2.2	0	6
MURDOCK	5	21	4.2	0	14
LESLIE,S.	7	32	4.6	1	15
HARWOOD	5	12	2.4	0	5
DEMES	1	0	0	0	0
Griffith	280	1321	4.7	19	57
Opponent	232	857	3.7	7	59

Punts	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Block	Longest
VERBICH	22	804	36.5		57
Griffith	22	804	36.5		57
Opponent	26	783	30.1		46

Kickoff	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Longest
SUTTON	15	699	46.6	56
MURDOCK	13	568	43.7	60
SUTKOWSKI	7	276	39.4	45
Griffith	35	1543	44.1	60
Opponent	19	798	42	59

Punt Ret.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Longest
LAMB	1	-12	-12	0	-12
GARVEY	4	43	10.8	0	17
POLITES	1	12	12	0	12
WASSERMAN	1	0	0	0	0
CROSEK	1	14	14	0	14
MURDOCK	4	28	7	0	13
DJUKIC	2	24	12	0	13
Griffith	14	109	7.8	0	17
Opponent	7	75	10.7	0	14

K.O.Ret.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Longest
WOROSZ	2	5	2.5	0	6
LOPEZ	1	1	1	0	1
POLITES	3	56	18.7	0	27
MATHEWS	5	120	24	0	35
MURDOCK	2	19	9.5	0	11
MACISZAK	1	24	24	0	24
GARVEY	1	15	15	0	15
Griffith	15	240	16	0	35
Opponent	33	557	16.9	1	93

Scoring	Rush	Pass	Pat 1	Pat 2	Safety	KO Ret	Fum Rec.	FG	Pun R	Int.	Total
CROSEK		4									24
LAMB	4	1		1							32
DJUKIC	3										18
WOROSZ	1										6
WASSERMAN	4										24
SUTTON			16					1			19
MURDOCK			5								5
SCHREIBER					1						2
MATHEWS	4	1									30
GARVEY	2										12
LESLIE,S.	1									1	12
MIKLUSAK		1									6
Griffith	19	7	21	1	1	0	—	1	—	1	190
Opponent	7	1	6	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	69

KANKAKEE VALLEY



Griffith cruises past Kougars

By CHUCK ELIAS
Times Correspondent

GRIFFITH – Class 3A No. 10 ranked Griffith closed out its regular season schedule with an easy 35–7 win over Kankakee Valley (2–6) Friday night.

Coach Les Thornton's Panthers (6–2) now must get ready to meet Benton Central in a Section 17 encounter next Friday night in Griffith.

Pacing the Panther attack was running back Clint Lamb with 10 carries for 63 yards and three touchdowns. He also hauled in a pair of Alex Djukic's passes for 66 yards.

Tim Garvey, coming back from knee surgery, had his best showing of the season contributing 67 yards. Nick Mathews also rushed for 56 yards.

Griffith coach Thornton said, "I wanted to come into this game and establish a running game and whatever we get passing is a bonus for us."

The Panther passing attack was almost equal to their ground game as they struck for 159 yards through the air.

The biggest play was a 62–yard touchdown heave from sophomore quarterback Scott Sherry to Mike Bell.

Neither team could get much of an offensive drive started until late in the first quarter when Griffith scored with 90 seconds left. Lamb went the last three yards for the score to end a 66–yard, seven–play drive.

Griffith scored a pair of second quarter touchdowns on drives of 70 and 77 yards.

Midway through the second quarter, the Panthers' John Verbich faked a punt and Mathews ran for the first down to keep the march alive.

Lamb took a 44–yard pass from Djukic to cap the 10–play drive.

Lamb scored his third touchdown of the half with only one minute left and the Panthers took a 21–0 halftime lead.

Kankakee Valley coach Charlie Boston said, "They gave us a thorough whipping on both sides of the line. We couldn't stop their running or their passing game."

Griffith held the Kougars to only three yards rushing and 29 yards passing and four first downs in dominating the first half.

Coach Thornton thought playing an easier opponent in the last game before the playoffs might have helped his squad as they are just getting over the pounding Lake Central gave them two weeks ago.

"I was happy with all parts of our game except the kickoffs and our kickoff coverage," said Thornton.

"I don't think our kids were looking ahead to playing Noll in a few weeks because we have to win our playoff games one at a time."

	KV	GR
Net Yards Rushing	57	209
Net Yards Passing	42	159
Total yards gained	99	368
First Downs	9	14
Passes att/comp/int	17/5/1	8/4/0
Punts/avg.	7/28	2/37.5
Penalties/yards	2/10	1/15
Fumbles/lost	3/1	2/2

SCORING BY QUARTERS

KANKAKEE VALLEY	0	0	0	7– 7
GRIFFITH	7	14	14	0–35

INDIVIDUAL SCORING

G – Clint Lamb, 3 run (Scott Sutton kick)
G – Lamb, 44 pass from Alex Djukic (Sutton kick)
G – Lamb, 5 run (Sutton kick)
G – Tim Garvey, 13 run (Sutton kick)
G – Mike Bell, 62 pass from Scott Sherry (Sutton kick)

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Friday's high school football

#3 (5A) Lake Central	29	Hammond Noll	33
Munster	12	Hammond	7
#8 (5A) Merrillville	34	Hammond Gavit	26
LaPorte	7	Hammond Morton	6
#3 (4A) Andrean	13	Momence, Ill.	25
#9 (5A) Gary Wallace	6	River Forest	13
#9 (3A) Griffith	35	Lake Station	38
Kankakee Valley	7	South Central	8
Gary West	8	Kank., Ill. McNamara	37
#5 (3A) S.B. St. Joe	7	Gary Wirt	0
Portage	38	South Newton	13
Chesterton	14	North Newton	8
Valparaiso	14	North Judson	14
Gary Roosevelt	7	Mishawaka Marian	7
Crown Point	35	Twin Lakes	24
Calumet	0	Rensselaer	20
Highland	41	Providence, Ill., Cath.	N/A
Lowell	0	Gary Mann	N/A

#9 (3A) Griffith 35
Kankakee Valley 7

At Griffith, Clint Lamb scored three touchdowns to lead the Class 3A, ninth-ranked Panthers (6-2) over Kankakee Valley (2-6).

Lamb scored on runs of 3 and 5 yards and caught a 44-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Alex Djukic. Mike Bell caught a 62-yard scoring pass from reserve quarterback Scott Sherry, and Tim Garvey had a 13-yard touchdown run.

Griffith rushed for 216 yards and gained 375 in total offense. Garvey led with 66 yards on seven carries, Lamb had 58 on 10, and Nick Mathews added 54 on nine. Bell caught two passes for 93 yards, and Lamb had two for 66.

Eric Whitson led the Kougars in rushing with 31 yards on five carries. Tom Nowak scored KV's touchdown on a 2-yard run.

KANKAKEE VALLEY	0	0	0	7— 7
GRIFFITH	7	14	14	0—35

SCORING

G — Lamb 3 run (Sutton kick)
G — Lamb 44 pass from Djukic (Sutton kick)
G — Lamb 5 run (Sutton kick)
G — Garvey 13 run (Sutton kick)
G — Bell 62 pass from Sherry (Sutton kick)
KV — Nowak 2 run (Schoonveld kick)

STATISTICS	KV	G
First downs	8	15
Yards rushing	72	216
Yards passing	43	159
Passes	5-18	4-8
Intercepted by	0	1
Punts — avg. yards	7-29	2-38
Fumbles — lost	3-1	2-2
Penalties — yards	2-10	1-15

No. 8 Griffith explodes vs. KV, 35-7

Kankakee Valley Post-News

By HARLEY TOMLINSON
Post-News staff writer

GRIFFITH — The secret to stopping an explosive offense like Griffith's is to control both sides of the ball in an attempt to eat up time and momentum.

Kankakee Valley didn't have a clue how to Friday night.

Instead, Griffith, ranked eighth in the state's Class 3A poll, got whopping chunks of yardage, used a slew of offensive weapons, and scored on four of five offensive possessions in the first half on its way to a 35-7 breather.

The Panthers (6-2) scored on runs of four, five, and 13 yards, and pass plays that covered 44 and 62 yards.

Griffith coach Les Thornton said the touchdown passes were a bonus for his team.

Starting quarterback Alex Djukic had the game's first touchdown pass and his fifth of the season with a 44-yard bomb to running back Clint Lamb.

"We threw a few tonight, but we came in wanting to run the football," Thornton said. "We don't get (touchdown passes) for scores too often."

Griffith's third-string quarterback Scott Sherry even got in the passing mode. Sherry, a sophomore, threw a 62-yard dart to receiver Mike Bell for Griffith's final score of the game in the third quarter.

"He's (Sherry) going to be a good one, but he's only a sophomore right now," Thornton said.

But KV also put in a second-string offensive unit in the second half, and it provided the team's only score of the night, breaking 17 quarters of scoreless Kougar football.

After defensive back Mark Bormann recovered a Panther fumble at the Griffith 37, Bormann changed sides to engineer a nine-play, 37-yard scoring drive capped off by a two-run touchdown burst by running back Tim Nowak.

Bormann, a junior and KV's second-string quarterback, got some time Friday after starter Tom Brown went down with an ankle injury in the third quarter.

KV, which was banged up before Friday's game with Brian Schoonveld limited (hairline fracture of collarbone) and Jerry Rentschler (broken finger) out, also lost the services of Tim Vanderhere (knee), Flick (leg), and Roger Franzen (shoulder) Friday, and are questionable this Friday.

The health of his starters is quickly becoming a concern of KV coach Charlie Boston.

"We didn't come out of here very healthy," Boston said. "We're not in very good shape for (this week's sectional opponent) New Prairie. We'll just have to look where we're at on Saturday and Monday and do the best we can."

Griffith, meanwhile, is entering its sectional opener against Benton Central as healthy as its been all season, Thornton said.

"We're about as healthy as we've been in a long time," he said. "I've got one very good player (Jim Crosek) who played a little on defense in this game who hadn't played since the second game of the season. We've got him back and some other guys that should give us added depth."

Lamb, an archetype of Griffith backs of the past, small (5-11, 165-pound) and quick-footed, had the game's best offensive performance with three touchdowns - two rushing, one passing.

He had a four-yard run for the game's first score, which capped off a nine-play, 66-yard drive. Lamb was set up for the score by a 34-yard run by running mate Tim Garvey on third-and-three near midfield.

A few minutes later, Djukec found Lamb wide open on the leftside of the field for a 44-yard scamper. Griffith had been facing a second-and-24 prior to the play.

After KV stalled offensively, Lamb capped off an eight-play, 77-yard drive with a five-yard score. Lamb's touchdown was again set up by big pass plays - a 30-yard pass from Djukic to receiver Jack Massa and a 22-yarder from Djukic to Lamb.

Garvey contributed a 13-yard score in the third period, later followed by the Sherry-Bell hookup.

"They (Griffith) made big plays; a couple of long runs, a couple of pass breakdowns...they got three easy touchdowns," Boston said. "Anytime you spot an eighth-ranked 3A football team three touchdowns, you've going to have a hard time."

Griffith finished with 376 total yards, including 218 on the ground. Lamb led an eight running back barrage with a game-high 65 yards on 11 carries.

Djukic and Sherry combined for 158 passing yards, completing 3-of-6 passes, including two for 92 yards to Bell.

KV (2-6) had 124 yards of total offense, 80 on the ground. Junior Eric Whitson, who saw some action late in the game, had 32 yards on five carries.

Brown finished with 44 passing yards on 5-of-17 passing and an interception.

Defensively, linebacker Cubby Rose had 14 tackles for KV, eight solos and six assists. Defensive back Jeff Stowers had six solos and one assist.

The Kougars will look to break its four-game losing streak at New Prairie Friday.

"We were banged up coming into tonight, and now we've got to regroup for New Prairie," Boston said. "We've got several key starters injured, and we've just got to figure out a way to fill the slots with what we've got left."

Griffith will host Benton Central (3-5) Friday, a team of mystery to Thornton and his Panthers.

"I don't know a lot about Benton Central. I know they're a wide open offensive team," Thornton said.

	KV	GR
First downs	9	13
Rushing yards	27-80	39-218
Passes comp./att.	5-18	4-8
Passing yards	44	158
Total yards	124	376
Passes intercepted by	0	1
Fumbles — lost	1	2
Penalties — yards	2-10	1-15

Line score:

Kougars	00	00	00	07—07
Panthers	07	14	14	00—35

Scoring:

G: Clint Lamb, four-yard run (Scott Sutton kick) 7-0.

G: Lamb, four-yard pass from Alex Djukic (Sutton kick) 14-0.

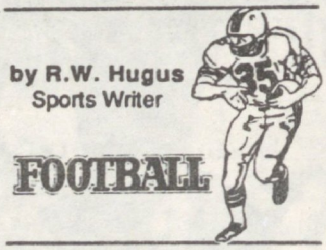
G: Lamb, Lamb, five-yard run (Sutton kick) 21-0.

G: Tim Garvey, 13-yard run (Sutton kick) 28-0.

G: Mike Bell, 62-yard pass from Scott Sherry (Sutton kick) 35-0.

KV: Tim Nowak, two-yard run (Brian Schoonveld kick) 35-7.

LCHS, Noll win titles



Friday night concluded the regular season for high school football.

Lake Central and Bishop Noll ended that season on high notes as they finished at the top in their conferences.

The Indians won the Lake Suburban Conference with a perfect 6-0 record, while the Warriors shared the crown in the Lake Shore Conference with Hammond Gavit.

Lake Central finished its season with an 8-0 record by defeating Munster, 29-12. The Indians led only 15-12 after three quarters, but rallied for 14 points in the final period to seal the win.

Jeff Stephens scored twice for Lake Central on runs of 37 and seven yards. Also scoring for the Indians were John Sabik on a 50-yard run, Jeremy Baugh on a two yard run, and Matt Gelon on an extra point, and a two-point conversion pass from Scott Schwartz.

Scoring for the Mustangs was Adam Torreano on a one yard run, and a six yard run.

Bishop Noll left little doubt early on as to the outcome of its game. It scored 14 points in the first quarter enroute to a 33-7 win over Hammond High.

Reggie Smith scored the first two touchdowns of the game on runs of three and one yards, while Pete Prestipino added three extra points.

Also scoring for Noll were Damon Scheidt on a nine yard pass play from Joe Jumonvillie, Vince Bravo on a two yard run, and Tyrell Ronjak on a 11-yard pass from Jumonville.

Highland also ended the regular season with a win Friday night as it downed Lowell, 41-0.

Jason Woodward scored twice for Highland, the first on a 30-yard run, and then again on a 22-yard pass play from Brian Guzek.

Corrie Houchin picked up a touchdown on a 14-yard run, while Scott Winiecki scored on an eight yard pass from Guzek, Shawn Czaja on a one yard run, Dough Boersma on a 15 yard run, Keith Carstensen on three extra points, and Mike Mordus on a two-point conversion run.

Griffith had a non-conference game Friday night and rolled over Kankakee Valley, 35-0.

Clint Lamb scored three touchdowns for the Panthers. The first came on a three yard run, the second on a 44-yard pass from Alex Djukic, and the third on a five yard run.

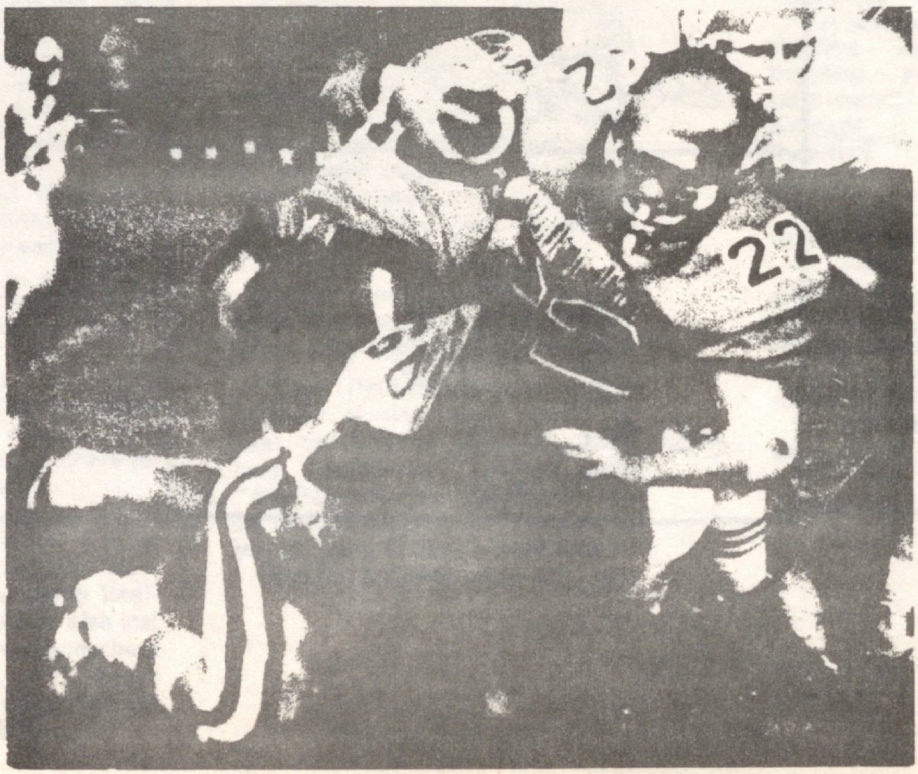
Tim Garvey also scored on a 13-yard run, Mike Bell on a 62-yard pass play from Scott Sherry, and Scott Sutton on five extra point attempts.





Kougar quarterback Tom Brown (above running from a Griffith rush) injured an ankle Friday, limiting him to only 44 yards through the air.

Griffith explodes:



PANTHER STATS

..Game# 8 Record: Win 6 Loss 2

2. Scoring

	1	2	3	4	OT	Total	Avg.
Opponent	16	33	13	14	0	76	9.5
Griffith	57	61	52	55	0	225	28.1

3. Off. Plays

	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg.
Opponent	259	85	344	43
Griffith	317	87	404	50.5

4. 1st Downs

	Rush	Pass	Pen.	Total	Avg.
Opponent	49	9	7	65	8.1
Griffith	75	24	9	108	13.5

5. Total Off.

	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg.
Opponent	929	164	1093	136.6
Griffith	1543	725	2268	283.5

6. Fumbles

	No.	Recovered	Lost
Opponent	26	10	16
Griffith	21	11	10

7. Passing

	Attemp.	Com.	Pct	Yds	TD	Int
DJUKIC	64	25	39	552	8	2
WASSERMAN	18	7	39	111	0	1
SHERRY	5	1	20	62	1	0
Griffith	87	33	38	725	9	3
Opponent	85	19	22	164	1	8

8. Receiver

	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Longest
CROSEK	4	150	37.5	4	60
MASSA	3	55	18.3	0	32
MACISZAK	1	23	23	0	23
MIKLUSAK	4	39	9.8	1	13
BELL	4	135	33.7	1	62
LAMB	12	247	20.6	2	44
GARVEY	1	8	8	0	8
WOROSZ	1	24	24	0	24
MATHEWS	3	44	14.7	1	33
Griffith	33	725	22	9	62
Opponent	19	164	8.6	1	22

9. Rusher

	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Longest
MATHEWS	88	396	4.5	4	26
LAMB	67	430	6.4	6	34
DJUKIC	47	154	3.3	3	22
GARVEY	37	186	5	3	34
POLITES	4	30	7.5	0	18
WASSERMAN	24	161	6.7	4	57
WOROSZ	12	57	4.8	1	24
LESLIE,T.	14	33	2.4	0	6
MURDOCK	7	29	4.1	0	14
LESLIE,S.	8	41	5.1	1	15
HARWOOD	7	25	3.6	0	13
DEWES	2	1	.5	0	1
Griffith	317	1543	4.9	22	57
Opponent	259	929	3.6	8	59

Punts	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Block	Longest
VERBICH	24	879	36.6	0	57
Griffith	24	879	36.6	0	57
Opponent	33	983	29.8	1	46

Kickoff	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Longest
SUTTON	18	830	46.1	56
MURDOCK	16	693	43.3	60
SUTKOWSKI	7	276	39.4	45
Griffith	41	1799	43.9	60
Opponent	21	888	42.3	59

Punt Ret.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Longest
LAMB	1	-12	-12	0	-12
GARVEY	5	47	9.4	0	17
POLITES	1	12	12	0	12
WASSERMAN	2	10	5	0	10
CROSEK	1	14	14	0	14
MURDOCK	4	28	7	0	13
DJUKIC	2	24	12	0	13
Griffith	16	123	7.7	0	17
Opponent	7	75	10.7	0	14

K.O.Ret.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Longest
WOROSZ	2	5	2.5	0	6
LOPEZ	1	1	1	0	1
POLITES	3	56	18.7	0	27
MATHEWS	6	144	24	0	35
MURDOCK	2	19	9.5	0	11
MACISZAK	1	24	24	0	24
GARVEY	2	32	16	0	17
Griffith	17	281	16.5	0	35
Opponent	39	636	16.3	1	93

Scoring	Rush	Pass	Pat 1	Pat 2	Safety	KO Ret	Fum Rec.	FG	Pun R	Int.	Total
CROSEK		4									24
LAMB	6	2		1							50
DJUKIC	3										18
WOROSZ	1										6
WASSERMAN	4										24
SUTTON			21					1			24
MURDOCK			5								5
SCHREIBER					1						2
MATHEWS	4	1									30
GARVEY	3										18
LESLIE,S.	1									1	12
MIKLUSAK		1									6
BELL		1									6
Griffith	22	9	26	1	1	—	—	1	—	1	225
Opponent	8	1	7	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	76

CLASS AAA SECTIONAL

BENTON CENTRAL



TIMEOUT!

Taking show on the road can be rough

By John Mutka
Sports Editor

If Hammond Noll football coach Gerald Vlasic had his way, he would never play on the road.

"I don't care much to go anywhere," he says. "If I had my druthers I'd rather play all eight games at home."

Disadvantages to traveling? Let the Noll homebody count the ways.

"Packing up 65 players, getting them something to eat, getting organized," he points out. "I don't have much help. It's a pain in the neck."

Facilities can also leave something to be desired.

"The worst place I've ever been was at St. Rita's (Chicago)," says Vlasic. "You could hardly turn around in the locker room. We had to share it with their junior varsity, who played the same day. I finally had to kick them out."

His Warriors open defense of their Class 3A state championship Friday at home against Knox.

"We win here," says Vlasic. "It's less of a hassle. It's a tough place for visiting teams because our facility is not one of the best places to play."

Griffith coach Les Thornton would agree. Last year, his team's unbeaten season came to an end with a 25-18 loss at Noll in the sectional championship game.

"I don't care much for it," he admits. "It's a dreary place ... by the freeway. Crowd control isn't very good. The lighting is poor."

Vlasic figures that gives him a psychological edge. He hopes to see the Panthers again in two weeks.

"Did he (Thornton) say that? I'm happy to hear it. Playing here is an adventure. We've only lost once at home in the last two years."

Some teams are beaten before they walk into Hobart's Brickie Bowl. The Brickies won 71 straight there before bowing to Chesterton in the 1988 season. According to Coach Don Howell, it's a national record.


Vlasic


Thornton


Howell

Thornton remembers his first experience at Hobart. In the 1981 regional his Panthers lost 21-0.

"It's a psychological advantage for (Hobart) them," insists Thornton. "Their fans are so vocal. There are so many of them they'll take over the visiting side if you're not careful.

"It (playing at Hobart) bothered me," he admits. "It was intimidating for the kids. They read that stuff about the Hobart mystique."

Thornton's least favorite place to visit was a facility that no longer exists.

"Years ago," he recalls, "I used to dread going to East Gary. We called it 'Mosquito Heaven.' It was down in a bowl. Their new place is nice, though."

The convenience of a familiar routine and surroundings seem more comforting than the home field itself.

"We have a nice facility," says Thornton. "We have a routine. We don't release the kids after school."

How many high schools have two pressboxes? Griffith does.

"Sometimes on the road you have communication problems," points out Thornton. "You might have to bring your own phones."

Prep football

SECTIONAL PAIRINGS

FIRST ROUND

Games are Friday, unless noted

■ Class 5A

SECTIONAL 1
Hammond at Gary West
Merrillville at Lake Central
Gary Roosevelt at East Chicago
Gary Wallace at Crown Point

SECTIONAL 2
Portage at Valparaiso
LaPorte at Chesterton
M.C. Rogers at S.B. LaSalle, Thursday

■ Class 4A

SECTIONAL 9
Calumet vs. Gary Mann, at Wallace
Hammond Morton at Hammond Clark
Highland at Munster
Andrean at Lowell

SECTIONAL 10
Goshen at Hobart
Gary Wirt at S.B. Washington

■ Class 3A

SECTIONAL 17
Twin Lakes at Hammond Gavit
Kankakee Valley at New Prairie
Knox at Hammond Noll
Benton Central at Griffith

■ Class 2A

SECTIONAL 25
Rensselaer at LaVille
North Judson at Lake Station
River Forest at North Newton

■ Class 1A

SECTIONAL 33
Jimtown at Whiting

Taking a breather



Photo by Kirk Mitchell

Griffith John Verbich takes a breather during a recent high school football game.

Class 3A, Sectional 17

#8 (3A) Griffith 42
Benton Central 0

At Griffith, Clint Lamb ran for 169 yards and two touchdowns for the Panthers, who totalled 428 yards rushing against the Bisons in a Class 3A, Sectional 17 game.

Lamb, who carried 11 times, scored Griffith's first TD on a 60-yard run, then scored on a 43-yard run in the second half.

The Panthers (7-2) intercepted six Benton Central passes. Mike Bell had two interceptions. Tim Garvey, Alex Djukic, Jerry Farrer and Jim Crosek each picked off one.

Bell also scored on a 25-yard punt return. Djukic, Garvey and Worosz scored TDs on runs of 7, 36 and 65 yards, respectively. Garvey rushed for 70 yards on seven carries. Worosz had 69 yards on two carries, and Nick Mathews had four carries for 45 yards.

Benton Central's coach, Mitch Terpstra, played for Griffith's Les Thornton when he coached at DeMotte High School.

Griffith's next opponent will be Hammond Noll.

BENTON CENTRAL	0	0	0	0	0
GRIFFITH	14	7	21	0	42

SCORING

G — Lamb 60 run (Sutton kick)
G — Djukic 7 run (Sutton kick)
G — Garvey 36 run (Sutton kick)
G — Bell 25 punt return (Sutton kick)
G — Lamb 43 run (Sutton kick)
G — Worosz 65 run (Sutton kick)

STATISTICS	**BC**	**Griff**
First downs	6	14
Yards rushing	62	428
Yards passing	72	12
Passes	6-29	1-7
Intercepted by	0	6
Punts — avg. yards	6-26.2	3-19.3
Fumbles — lost	2-1	2-1
Penalties — yards	2-20	5-45

Friday's sectional football

LOCAL SECTIONAL ROUNDUP, PAGE C3

■ CLASS 5A
Sectional 1

Gary West	18
Hammond	12
#2 (5A) Lake Central	28
#8 (5A) Merrillville	10
East Chicago	56
Gary Roosevelt	6
Crown Point	21
#10 (5A) Gary Wallace	7

■ CLASS 5A
Sectional 2

Valparaiso	28
Portage	14
LaPorte	21
Chesterton	10

■ CLASS 4A
Sectional 9

Calumet	12
Gary Mann	0

Ham. Clark won by forfeit over Hammond Morton

Highland	14
Munster	12
#3 (4A) Andrean	41
Lowell	0

■ CLASS 4A
Sectional 10

#1 (4A) Hobart	47
Goshen	7
#8 (4A) S.B. Wash.	21
Gary Wirt	0

■ CLASS 3A
Sectional 17

Hammond Gavit	34
Twin Lakes	28
New Prairie	17
Kankakee Valley	7
Hammond Noll	28
Knox	11
#8 (3A) Griffith	42
Benton Central	0

■ CLASS 2A
Sectional 25

Rensselaer	28
LaVille	14
Lake Station	43
North Judson	13
River Forest	39
North Newton	6

■ CLASS A
Sectional 33

Jimtown	20
Whiting	14



Junior Neil Miklusak crushes the Benton Central quarterback in last week's sectional playoff game. To hear more about recent gridiron action

Griffith romps by Benton C.

The Times

By CHUCK ELIAS
Times Correspondent

Class 3A, Sectional 17

GRIFFITH – Running back Clint Lamb rushed for 170 yards on 10 carries and scored a pair of touchdowns as Griffith blanked Benton Central 42–0 in a Class 3A Section 17 playoff game Friday night.

The Bisons were led by Roger Fry who ran for 30 of Benton Central's 62 yards rushing.

The Panthers' victory enables them to meet defending state 3A champion Bishop Noll next Friday night at Noll.

Griffith (7–2) took charge of the game midway through the first quarter after the Bisons' Jim Reynolds faked a punt on fourth down and Brad Illingworth scooted 36 yards down to the Griffith 25–yard line.

On the next play, quarterback Geoff Smith fumbled and Eric Schreiber recovered for the Panthers on their own 16.

Three plays later, Clint Lamb outdistanced the Bison team as he ran 60 yards for his first touchdown of the game to cap the 84–yard march.

After holding Benton Central (3–6) in check, the Panthers took over on their own 39–yard line and paraded 61 yards in six plays with Alex Djukic going the last seven yards for the touchdown.

Benton Central was forced to take to the air after falling behind early and threw 29 passes, five of which were picked off by the Panthers.

Mike Bell's interception led to Griffith's only second quarter touchdown as Tim Garvey bowled over three Bisons en route to a 36–yard touchdown run giving Griffith a 21–0 halftime lead.

"Our backs ran well, especially Garvey whose looking better every week after coming off knee surgery, and our offensive line put pressure on their quarterback all night," Griffith coach Les Thornton said.

"I don't think we took them seriously, maybe we were thinking ahead to next week's game, although sometimes a team can be ready and still be flat. Noll will be a tough game for us."

Griffith's Mike Bell ran 25 yards with a blocked punt for the Panthers first score of the second half, after Todd Munson punted the ball into the backside of his own teammate.

Griffith rounded out their night's scoring with a pair of touchdowns in the final three minutes of the third quarter as Lamb tallied his second TD on a 43–yard run.

Reserve running back Mike Woroz ran 65 yards for a score following a Djukic interception to round out a Panther ground attack that ran for 420 yards in the game.

"We were completely outclassed tonight by Griffith," Benton Central coach Mitch Terpstra said. "We only have five seniors on this team and this is the first time we saw the wishbone all year. Our defense was out of position against their strong running game. We knew we would face an uphill battle tonight but our kids didn't quit."

	BC	GR
Net Yards Rushing	62	420
Net Yards Passing	73	12
Total yards gained	135	432
First Downs	7	13
Passes att/comp/int	29/6/0	7/1/5
Punts/avg.	5/31	3/19
Penalties/yards	2/20	5/50
Fumbles/lost	2/1	2/1

SCORING BY QUARTERS

BENTON CENTRAL	0	0	0	0	0
GRIFFITH	14	7	21	0	42

INDIVIDUAL SCORING

G – Clint Lamb, 60 run (Scott Sutton kick)
G – Alex Djukic, 7 run (Sutton kick)
G – Tim Garvey, 36 run (Sutton kick)
G – Mike Bell, 25 return of blocked punt (Sutton kick)
G – Lamb, 43 run (Sutton kick)
G – Mike Woroz, 65 run (Sutton kick)

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PantherPress

Panthers kill Bison

By Darrick Ramsey





Senior Clint Lamb busts through the K.V. line (top), and senio Mike Bell grabs a touchdown pass (left), in our sectional victory over the K.V. Kougars.

Last Friday the Panthers started their post season play against Benton Central. The Panthers came out ready to play and as a result defeated Benton Central 42- 0. Senior Alex Djukic said,"We practiced very hard so we are expecting to do well in the sectionals." The Panthers' offense put up over 300 yards in total yards, while the defense blanked the Bisons in scoring.

This was the Panthers third shut-out this season. It improves the Panthers record to 7-2. The Panthers finished third in the Lake Suburban Conference.

The Panthers came into the game off of a 28-6 victory over Kankakee Valley the week before. "We played well throughout the whole game." said senior Jim Crosek.

This game was simular to the Benton Central game,except for one exception; the Panthers' passing game wasn't quite as effective as in the Benton Central game. However, it did manage to pull over 200 yards in total offense. Alex Djukic said, "We came out on the field ready to play and it showed."

The next step for the Panthers will be the Bishop Noll Warriors. Next week the Panthers will take on the Warriors at home for the second round of the 3A Sectionals.

In a way this is a rematch of last year's Griffith-B.N.I game. The team is looking forward to the chance to defeat the Warriors. "We feel very confident about this year's sectional matchups." said senior Bill Polites. Last year ,the Panthers were defeated in the sectional championship by Bishop Noll . They are not expecting the same result this time.

ineman Coach Dick Reyome said,"We will practice hard, review last years films, an try to remember last year in orde to prepare for the Bishop Noll Game."

This game brings a lot o thoughts to our players minds an Bill Polittes said," This time I know we will come out ready to play.

4 area teams advance

by R.W. Hugus
Sports Writer



The 1990 high school football playoffs got under way Friday night, and four area teams had the pleasure of advancing in their classes.

Lake Central, Griffith, and Bishop Noll had no problem moving on to this week's games, but Highland had a fight on its hands before it eliminated Munster.

In what was billed as one of the biggest games in the state last week, Lake Central — ranked number three in Class 5A — knocked off number eight ranked Merrillville, 28-10.

The Indians set the tone early as they jumped out to a 14-0 lead in the first quarter.

All of Lake Central's touchdowns came via the run with Jeremy Baugh cashing in on the first and fourth on runs of three and two yards.

Joe Ercus also scored on a 16-yard run, and Jeff Stephens on a two-yard run. Matt Gelon added all four extra points, while the Indians rushed for 256 yards.

On defense the Indians rose to the occasion as they held the Pirates to just seven first downs, 44 yards rushing, 99 yards passing, intercepted two passes, and recovered two fumbles as they moved their record to 9-0.

In Class 3A Griffith did all of its scoring in the first three quarters as they decimated Benton Central, 42-0. The Panthers gained only 12 yards through the air, but rushed for 428 yards.

Not only was the running game in place, but so was the defense as they held Benton Central to six first downs, 62 yards rushing, 72 yards passing, recovered a fumble, and intercepted six passes.

Clint Lamb led the running attack as he gained 169 yards on only 11 carries, and had touchdown runs of 60 and 43 yards.

Also scoring for the Panthers were Alex Djukic on a seven-yard run, Tim Garvey on a 36-yard run, Mike Bell on a 25-yard run with a pass interception, and Mike Worosz on a 65-yard run. Scott Sutton was a perfect seven for seven on extra point attempts as Griffith ran their record to 7-2.

Also in Class 3A Bishop Noll advanced as it beat Knox, 28-11.

The Warriors used the air game to move the ball as quarterback Joe Jumonville completed 10 of 17 passes for 241 yards and two touchdowns.

Jumonville connected with Dave Padilla on a 34-yard pass play for seven points in the second quarter, and then closed out the scoring in the fourth period by getting together with Tyrell Ronjak on a 60-yard scoring pass.

Also scoring for the Warriors were Reggie Smith on a pair of one-yard runs, and Pete Prestipino on four extra points. Noll is now 5-4 for the season.

In Class 4A Munster scored first and last, but Highland scored in between, and made their extra points as the Trojans defeated the Mustangs, 14-12.

Munster took the lead 6-0 in the second quarter on a five-yard pass play for Mike Bagull to Bill Karr, but the try for the extra point was blocked.

This Friday in Class 5A Lake Central will play at Gary West, while in Class 4A Highland will host Andrean. In Class 3A it will be Griffith at Bishop Noll.

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■ **GREENCASTLE 42, BENTON CENTRAL 0** — Tim Garvey scored on runs of 60 and 36 yards as eighth-ranked Greencastle romped at home.

GRIFFITH 42
BENTON CENTRAL 0

Benton Central	0	0	0	0—0
Griffith	14	7	21	0—42

G—Garvey 60 run (Sutton kick)
G—Djukic 7 run (Sutton kick)
G—Garvey 36 run (Sutton kick)
G—Bell 25 blocked punt (Sutton kick)
G—Lamb 43 run (Sutton kick)
G—Worosz 65 run (Sutton kick)

	BC	Gri
First downs	8	11
Rushes-yards	22-73	41-429
Passing	74	2
Comp-Att-Int	5-27-4	1-8-0
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	3-25	4-40

Griffith is 7-2; Benton Central finishes at 3-6.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Clint Lamb

Griffith Panthers

The senior rushed 10 times for 170 yards and two touchdowns as the eighth-ranked Panthers opened Class 3A Sectional 17 play with a 42-0 shutout of Benton Central Friday night. Lamb leads the team in rushing, receiving and scoring.

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PANTHER STATS

1. Game# 9 Record: Win 7 Loss 2

2. Scoring

	1	2	3	4	OT	Total	Avg.
Opponent	16	33	13	14	0	76	8.4
Griffith	71	68	73	55	0	267	29.7

3. Off. Plays

	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg.
Opponent	281	114	395	43.9
Griffith	359	94	453	50.3

4. 1st Downs

	Rush	Pass	Pen.	Total	Avg.
Opponent	51	12	8	71	7.9
Griffith	88	24	10	122	13.6

5. Total Off.

	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg.
Opponent	991	236	1227	136.3
Griffith	1971	737	2708	300.9

6. Fumbles

	No.	Recovered	Lost
Opponent	28	11	17
Griffith	23	12	11

7. Passing

	Attemp.	Com.	Pct	Yds	TD	Int
DJUKIC	68	25	37	552	8	2
WASSERMAN	18	7	39	111	0	1
SHERRY	8	2	25	74	1	0
Griffith	94	34	35	737	9	3
Opponent	114	25	22	236	1	14

8. Receiver

	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Longest
CROSEK	4	150	37.5	4	60
MASSA	3	55	18.3	0	32
MACISZAK	1	23	23	0	23
MIKLUSAK	4	39	9.8	1	13
BELL	4	135	33.7	1	62
LAMB	12	247	20.6	2	44
GARVEY	1	8	8	0	8
WOROSZ	1	24	24	0	24
MATHEWS	3	44	14.7	1	33
HARDER	1	12	12	0	12
Griffith	34	737	21.7	9	62
Opponent	25	236	9.4	1	35

Rusher

	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Longest
MATHEWS	92	441	4.8	4	30
LAMB	78	599	7.7	8	60
DJUKIC	53	186	3.5	4	22
GARVEY	44	256	5.8	4	36
POLITES	7	38	5.4	0	18
WASSERMAN	24	161	6.7	4	57
WOROSZ	14	126	9	2	65
LESLIE,T.	15	36	2.4	0	6
MURDOCK	11	40	3.6	0	14
LESLIE,S.	8	41	5.1	1	15
HARWOOD	10	45	4.5	0	13
DEWES	2	1	.5	0	1
SHERRY	1	1	1	0	1
Griffith	359	1971	5.5	27	65
Opponent	281	991	3.5	8	59

Punts	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Block	Longest
VERBICH	27	937	34.7	1	57
Griffith	27	937	34.7	1	57
Opponent	39	1140	29.2	1	46

Kickoff	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Longest
SUTTON	24	1077	44.9	56
MURDOCK	16	693	43.3	60
SUTKOWSKI	8	319	39.9	45
Griffith	48	2089	43.5	60
Opponent	22	943	42.9	59

Punt Ret.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Longest
LAMB	1	-12	-12	0	-12
GARVEY	5	47	9.4	0	17
POLITES	1	12	12	0	12
WASSERMAN	2	10	5	0	10
CROSEK	1	14	14	0	14
MURDOCK	4	28	7	0	13
DJUKIC	4	41	10.3	0	14
BELL	1	25	25	1	25
Griffith	19	165	8.7	1	25
Opponent	8	75	9.4	0	14

K.O.Ret.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Longest
WOROSZ	2	5	2.5	0	6
LOPEZ	1	1	1	0	1
POLITES	3	56	18.7	0	27
MATHEWS	7	164	23.4	0	35
MURDOCK	2	19	9.5	0	11
MACISZAK	1	24	24	0	24
GARVEY	2	32	16	0	17
Griffith	18	301	16.7	0	16.7
Opponent	46	735	16	1	93

Scoring	Rush	Pass	Pat 1	Pat 2	Safety	KO Ret	Fum Rec.	FG	Pun R	Int.	Total
CROSEK		4									24
LAMB	8	2		1							62
DJUKIC	4										24
WOROSZ	2										12
WASSERMAN	4										24
SUTTON			27					1			30
MURDOCK			5								5
SCHREIBER					1						2
MATHEWS	4	1									30
GARVEY	4										24
LESLIE,S.	1									1	12
MIKLUSAK		1									6
BELL		1							1		12
Griffith	27	9	32	1	1	—	—	1	1	1	267
Opponent	8	1	7	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	76

CLASS AAA SECTIONAL

HAMMOND NOLL



Post-Tribune

Griffith still gets 'kick' out of wounded warrior

Friday, November 2, 1990

By Al Hamnik
Staff writer

GRIFFITH — This is a story about guts, pride, determination, dedication, pain and — what the heck — let's add courage, too.

It makes you feel kind of warm inside, like a cup of hot cocoa.

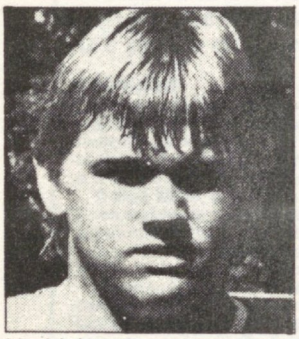
This is a story about John Verbich, Griffith's hulking 6-foot, 225-pound punter.

First of all, Verbich shouldn't even playing football this season. His right knee is an absolute mess. Team doctor Lorin Brown urged that he have major surgery last summer. The kid said no. He'd rather wait. You couldn't really blame him. Verbich is a senior. Griffith has another dynamite team. He wanted to contribute, and he certainly has done that.

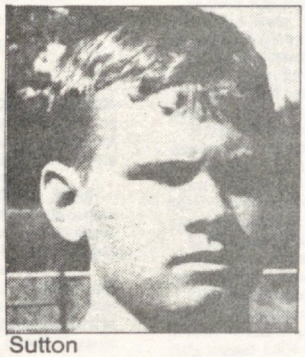
Verbich brings a 34.7 punting average into tonight's Class 3A Sectional 17 championship game with Hammond Gavit.

His longest is 57 yards.

"He's been very consistent," said Coach Les Thornton. "He's a big kid; not a skilled athlete. He's a tackle, but he's worked at kicking the last three years and he's come on. Our snaps have been good, too, and that helps. He gets good height. In fact, he's really knocked some.



Verbich



Sutton

"John's going to need surgery after the season's over. His knee is really shot. He wears a big brace that we finally got him. He also plays some D (defensive) tackle and some O (offensive) tackle. But he has problems just running. He can't run a lot."

Imagine if Verbich had two good pins.

"Oh, I think he'd be an even better punter. Quite a bit better," said Thornton. "I know one thing, it's got to bother him. According to the doctor, that knee is gone. Some ligaments are just gone. They're not even there anymore; all shriveled up. He's wearing a $700 brace now to get him through the season, so that's got to bother a guy.

"It's from prior injuries, I guess, but we don't know when they happened."

Even after Verbich has surgery on Nov. 30, doctors say he'll require six months to recuperate and must always wear that brace when competing in sports.

"We spot him on defense and offense. He's been doing a good job on defense, but we can't play him that much," said Thornton. "He never did want to sit out, but there comes a time when he just can't do things. It hurts too much.

"John's a big, quiet, easy-going kid. I think the way he handles it (adversity) is uplifting for the other players."

Verbich continues to plug away without complaining or soliciting their sympathy.

Knee drive you crazy?

"I really don't think about it during a game, but it hurts afterward," said Verbich.

On the worst day, what does your knee feel like?

"It's real sore and puffed up," said Verbich. "It hurts to walk on it."

Do you limp?

"Yeah, a lot."

Why play?

"This is my last year. My mom doesn't even want me playing now. I told her I was still going to play. She's always afraid when I go on the field," said Verbich.

What exactly is wrong with the knee?

"A torn anterior cruciate ligament. There's another tendon, too, on the side of my knee, that I tore," said Verbich. "But I don't know what that's called."

The ACL is one of four major ligaments that hold the knee together. It's roughly 3½ inches long, 1 inch wide, lies inside the joint and connects the femur (thigh bone) with the tibia (shin bone).

The ligament's function is to prevent the tibia from moving abnormally forward, and to provide rotational stability to the knee. Once the cruciate ligament is torn, the knee will never be normal again.

Besides being known for his booming punts, Verbich, a left-footed kicker, also is an outstanding bowler. His present average is 200 with personal bests of 299 (single game) and 717 (series).

He hopes to earn a bowling scholarship to Vincennes University and turn pro one day.

"I can't even bowl this year because of my knee," said Verbich.

The No. 8-ranked Panthers are 8-2. Gavit is 9-1.

Verbich is one half of the football team's "Kicking Cousins." Scott Sutton, a junior, handles field goals and PATs.

Place-kickers used to be frail-looking guys with squeeky voices and uniforms that always seemed three sizes too big.

That trend has changed.

Sutton, a 5-10, 200-pound lineman, is 29 of 33 in extra-point kicks and has 40-yard range in field goals.

He had a string of 16 straight PAT conversions snapped last weekend against Hammond Noll.

Sutton's kickoff average is 45 yards.

"That's decent and anything over that is very good," said Thornton. "He's averaging 45. We as a team are averaging 43.5 and our opponents are averaging 42.9, so that gives you an idea."

FOOTBALL AREA DANDY DOZEN

1. Hobart	(10-0)	7. Gary Wallace	(6-3)
2. Lake Central	(10-0)	8. Hammond Gavit	(9-1)
3. Andrean	(9-1)	9. Gary West	(5-4)
4. Crown Point	(8-2)	10. River Forest	(8-2)
5. Griffith	(8-2)	11. Portage	(5-4)
6. Merrillville	(6-3)	12. Lake Station	(8-2)

Rematches are in the spotlight

■ In Sectional 17, No. 8-ranked Griffith (7-2) travels Friday night to defending Class 3A state champion Hammond Noll (5-4).

Last year, Noll handed Griffith its only loss, 25-18, in the sectional title game.

"Our kids just want to win," Griffith coach Les Thornton said. "Some of the seniors remember what happened last year, but we're not talking revenge or anything like that.

"Noll is coming on real strong; they're well-coached; they have a fine quarterback and a fine receiver; and they're using their tailback more. It's going to be a tough game for us.

"Although there is concern, we feel good about our football team," he said. "We're just about as healthy as we have been since our second game."

The Panthers' wishbone offense focuses on running backs Clint Lamb, Tim Garvey, Nick Mathews and quarterback Alex Djukic. Receiver Jim Crosek, who caught four touchdown passes in Griffith's first two games, returns after being sidelined by a broken foot.

Noll is led by junior quarterback Joe Jumonville, who has passed for 1,301 yards and 17 touchdowns. His top receiver is Damon Scheidt, 31 catches for 454 yards and eight touchdowns.

Tailback Reggie Smith has rushed for more than 100 yards in each of Noll's last three games.

"We're underdogs again like last year," Noll coach Jerry Vlasic said. "I think we're underdogs every time we play Griffith. But it doesn't matter too much to us.

"We've been taking it one week at a time, and now Griffith is next for us. We haven't mentioned them too much to the kids; we didn't mention them too much last year.

"Once again, we're going to try to stop their run and we'll try to control the ball ourselves. It's going to be a difficult game, but it was difficult last year."

Weekly football honor roll

Other athletes nominated for Post-Tribune offensive and defensive players of the week.

OFFENSE

■ **Ramon Stallings, Bill Ross (Calumet)** — Stallings rushed 16 times for 97 yards as the leading rusher in 12-0 victory over Gary Mann, the first win for Calumet this season. Ross rushed for 75 yards in 12 carries and scored a touchdown.

■ **Mark Minch, Dave Kraus (Crown Point)** — Minch, the fullback, rushed for 53 yards in 19 carries and scored two TDs in a 21-7 victory over Wallace. Kraus, a flanker, caught 7 passes for 65 yards, two of them on third-down conversions.

■ **Jeremy Baugh, John Sabik, Joe Ercus (Lake Central)** — Baugh, a halfback, rushed for a game-high 87 yards (17 carries) and two touchdowns in easy win over Merrillville. Sabik added 75 yards and Ercus 61 to key a balanced attack.

■ **Craig Burrell, Brian Fattore (Hobart)** — Burrell completed five of eight passes for 186 yards and two touchdowns. Fattore rushed 15 times for 113 yards and two touchdowns in rout of Goshen.

■ **Marc Williams, Brian Pavich (Valparaiso)** — Williams, a junior, ran 18 times for 60 yards. Pavich, a senior, caught three passes for 73 yards.

■ **Matt Hendershott (Portage)** — Ran 65 yards on his first carry for a touchdown. The junior gained 184 yards on 24 rushes to end the season with 798 yards on 151 trips for a 5.3 average.

■ **Dan Brandenburg (Rensselaer)** — Senior quarterback rallied Bombers to a come-from-behind victory over LaVille after scoring on touchdown runs of 7 and 80 yards and running for a two-point conversion. He had 175 yards rushing on 17 carries and scored on a 44-yard interception.

■ **Clint Lamb (Griffith)** — Scored on touchdown runs of 60 and 43 yards and finished with 169 yards on 11 carries in rout of Benton Central.

■ **Martell France (East Chicago)** — Gained 165 yards in 13 carries and scored touchdowns on runs of one, 14, and 34 yards in rout of Gary Roosevelt. He's totaled 1,304 yards and 13 touchdowns this season.

■ **Chad Fox (North Newton)** — The sophomore gained 93 yards in 22 attempts and scored his team's only touchdown in loss to River Forest.

■ **Anthony Allano (River Forest)** — Ran for the first two touchdowns in victory over North Newton and threw a touchdown pass for another.

■ **Alex Costa (Lake Station)** — Completed eight of 17 passes for 133 yards and three touchdowns in victory over North Judson. He also scored on a 13-yard run and kicked five of five extra points and ran for a two-point conversion.

■ **Wendell McCollum, Ryan Wade (Michigan City Rogers)** — McCollum, a junior, kicked for six points with three points after touchdowns and a 45-yard field goal. Wade rushed 23 times for 85 yards and a touchdown in 24-0 win over S.B. LaSalle.

DEFENSE

■ **Mike Keene, Matt Murphy, Mike Finley (Valparaiso)** — Junior linebacker Keene was in on 16 tackles, intercepted a pass and caused a fumble; senior lineman Murphy had seven solos in his 12 tackles; Finley, a junior safety who broke his collarbone early this season, had an interception on which his 47-yard run for a TD was negated by penalty, four pass breakups and three tackles.

■ **Mike Bell (Griffith)** — In a shutout victory over Benton Central, Bell intercepted two passes. He also returned a punt 25 yards for a touchdown.

■ **Alex Serrano, Ron Tillman (Calumet)** — Serrano made eight tackles and had an interception, while Tillman made six tackles, caused two fumbles, had two sacks and two tackles for loss.

■ **Antonio Parker (Gary Wirt)** — Led defense with seven solo tackles and six assists.

■ **Ben Sutter (Chesterton)** — Led the Trojan defense with nine tackles vs. LaPorte.

■ **Steve Jimenez, Etinnie Burnett (Andrean)** — Jimenez led defense with four solos, one assist and two sacks. Burnett had six tackles.

■ **Rick Wiening (Hammond Gavit)** — Returned an interception 15 yards for a touchdown, and knocked down three passes in a win over Twin Lakes.

■ **Scott Mills (Lowell)** — Had nine tackles, two assists and two interceptions in loss to Andrean.

■ **Chad Rutledge (North Newton)** — Was in on nine tackles vs. River Forest.

■ **John Hurt, Denny Ward and Jim Berkley (Lake Station)** — Hurt had 10 tackles and two assists, Ward had nine tackles and three assists, and Berkley had eight tackles and three assists vs. North Judson.

1990 scoring leaders

FINAL, REGULAR SEASON

c-Includes two-point conversions

fg-Includes field goals

Player (School)	TD	PAT	TP
Brian Fattore (Hob)	18	0	108
c-Earl Billingsley (Wall)	16	0	100
c-Alfonzo Robinson (EC)	14	0	88
Sergio DelReal (Whit)	10	0	60
Martell France (EC)	10	0	60
William Wilkes (Roos)	10	0	60
c-Tom Eckerty (Gavit)	9	0	56
fg-Alex Costa (L.Station)	5	10	55
Joe Ercus (Lake Central)	9	0	54
Jamel Williams (M-ville)	9	0	54
Matt Hendershott (Port)	9	0	54
c-Kosi Pickett (G.West)	7	0	50
c-Clint Lamb (Griff)	8	0	50





Dave Bartman/staff photographer

Panther fan, Bart man ·

Dena Sutton of Griffith shows support for her son, Scott, and his team, the Griffith Panthers, with this Bart Simpson display she made in her front yard. Griffith faces Noll Friday night.

Bishop Noll, Griffith renew football rivalry

By ROMAN MODROWSKI
Times Sports Writer

Bishop Noll and Griffith have played football only four times in the last 10 years, but that hasn't diminished the rivalry.

Whether it's just pride, playoff intensity or animosity, these teams emphasize aggression when they face each other on the football field.

The teams split the series during the 1980s with Noll winning last year en route to its first state title. All four games were decided by a touchdown or less and Noll's 25 points last year were the most scored by any one team.

The rivalry is renewed this Friday when the Class 3A, No. 8 Panthers (7–2) visit the Warriors (5–4) in a Sectional 17 semifinal.

"When they buckle up their helmets, they're ready to play," Noll coach Jerry Vlasic said. "And they come to play every time."

Griffith features an explosive wishbone running attack led by 5–foot-11, 164–pound senior Clint Lamb, who is the top rusher, pass receiver and scorer for Griffith. Senior fullback Nick Mathews (6–2, 192) is also a force.

"I knew (Lamb) had speed because he came out for track," Panther coach Les Thornton said. "He was a split end last year and we moved him to running back."

The split end position is questionable as Jim Crosek, who is also a standout outside linebacker, is recovering from a broken bone in his foot suffered in the second week of the season.

"He had four touchdowns in the first two games," Thornton said. "He's been out of a cast for several weeks, and he's at about 70 percent."

Griffith's leaders on defense include Mathews and Eric Schreiber at inside linebacker, Scott Sutton at tackle and Rick Burks at end.

"We're not very big and we're not as strong against the run as we have been in the past," Thornton said, "but we have some speed."

Noll also had trouble measuring up to last year's team, but the Warriors have shown steady improvement in winning their last three games.

"They had a lot of seniors last year," Thornton said, "and they have a lot of new players including their quarterback and linemen.

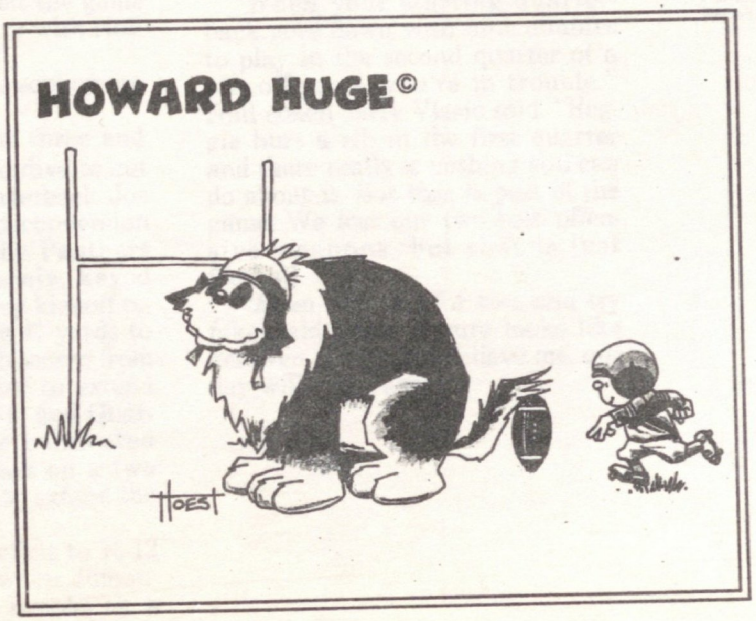
"It was going to take them some time, particularly with the linemen, but they're playing pretty well right now."

Junior quarterback Joe Jumonville has passed for over 1,200 yards, but has only completed about 47 percent of his passes.

"He's probably the most unsung quarterback in the area," Vlasic said. "He's improved and matured. He started off this year running for his life, but this will be the fourth game in a row with the same offensive line, and that makes a difference."

All-State flanker Damon Scheidt has caught over 30 passes, but Vlasic said Jumonville has mixed his targets.

Defensively, Noll is led by All-State linebacker Tony Rodriguez and lineman Khary Reid.



Griffith rips Noll, 40-12

By Tim Phillips
Correspondent

HAMMOND — Noll's reign as the Class 3A state football champion came to an end Friday night, when eighth-ranked Griffith defeated the host Warriors 40-12 in a Class 3A, Sectional 17 semifinal game.

Griffith (8-2) held a slim 15-12 halftime lead, but took advantage of several key Noll injuries and added a dose of revenge to outscore the Warriors 25-0 in the second half.

The victory avenged last season's 25-18 loss to the Warriors, which served as a springboard to the Warriors first and only state football title.

"We've got a heckuva fullback in Nick Mathews," Griffith coach Les Thornton said after the game. "He plays both ways, returns kicks and he seems to be on the field the whole game but he came to play tonight."

Mathews rushed for a career-high 167 yards on only 17 carries as Griffith's wishbone offense exploded for 347 total rushing yards, 285 of which came in the second half.

Superb special-teams play and a series of big plays by some small people highlighted action in the first half. Senior halfback Tim Garvey (5-foot-8, 153 pounds) took the opening kickoff and raced 43 yards to the Noll 47 before he was run out of bounds. The Panthers' ground game immediately went to work, as Griffith drove 47 yards in seven plays to take a 7-0 lead on Mathews' 9-yard run.

After an exchange of possessions, the Warriors took over at their own 37 and drove 63 yards to pull to within 7-6. Senior back Reggie Smith gained 33 yards in five carries on the drive, but left the game for good with a rib injury with Noll at the Griffith 16.

Enter 5-6, 130-pounds sophomore Demon Brooks.

Brooks carried to the three and then scored on a 3 yard dive to cut the deficit to 7-6. Quarterback Joe Jumonville's two-point conversion pass fell short, and the Panthers struck back immediately, keyed again by another Garvey kickoff return, this one covering 47 yards to the Noll 33. Clint Lamb scored from 1 yard out 5 plays later to extend the Griffith lead to 13-6, and Quarterback Alex Djukic connected with flanker Jim Crosek on a two piont conversion pass to extend the Panther lead to 15-6.

Noll (5-5) cut the deficit to 15-12 just before the half, when Jumonville connected with Brooks on a 69-yard touchdown play with less than two minutes to play in the second quarter. But it was all Griffith after that.

Griffith rushed for 117 yards in the third quarter and scored on both of its possessions, and went into a no-huddle offense in the fourth quarter and added two more touchdowns, one coming on a fake field goal attempt with six minutes to play.

Noll's fate might have been sealed when Jumonville, who threw for 17 touchdown passes in the Warriors previous nine games, was forced to leave with strained ligaments in his throwing hand.

"When your starting quarterback goes down with nine minutes to play in the second quarter of a playoff game, you're in trouble." Noll coach Jerry Vlasic said. "Reggie hurt a rib in the first quarter and there really is nothing you can do about it. But that is part of the game. We lost our two best offensive weapons, but that is just football.

"When you run for two and try fake field goals, it sure looks like get-even to me. But believe me, our day will come again."

GRIFFITH	7	8	12	13	—40
HAMMOND NOLL	0	12	0	0	—12

SCORING

G — Mathews 9 run (Sutton kick)
N — Brooks 3 run (pass failed)
G — Lamb 1 run (Crosek pass from Djukic)
N — Brooks 69 pass from Jumonville (pass failed)
G — Lamb 4 run (kick failed)
G — Mathews 1 run (kick failed)
G — Mathews 58 run (run failed)
G — Lamb 25 pass from Wasserman (Sutton kick)

STATISTICS	G	HN
First downs	15	7
Yards rushing	347	148
Yards passing	18	138
Passes	2-2	4-14
Intercepted by	4	0
Punts — avg. yards	1-40	2-34
Fumbles — lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties — yards	1-5	5-26



Griffith quarterback Alex Djukic (10) fakes a handoff in rout of Hammond Noll Friday night.

William Lauer/staff photographer

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Lake Central, Griffith win

by R.W. Hugus
Sports Writer



It was no surprise Friday night that Lake Central and Griffith won their respective playoff football games.

What was a surprise was the trouble Lake Central had in beating West Side, and the ease in which Griffith got by Bishop Noll.

In a third playoff game Friday night Highland gave Andrean all it could handle before falling to the 59ers in four overtimes.

Lake Central came into its game with West Side ranked number two in Class 5A and had a perfect 9-0 record. It held a 19-6 lead in the third quarter before having to hang on to a 19-18 win over the Cougars.

The Indians took a 7-0 lead in the first quarter when Joe Ercus scored on a four-yard run, and Matt Gelon added the extra point. West Side rebounded to narrow the score to 7-6 on a 10-yard pass play, but its run for the two-point conversion was stopped.

Lake Central expanded its lead to 13-6 before the half on a 10-yard pass play from Jeff Stephens to Bill Wieklinski, but the try for the point after failed. The Indians' final touchdown of the night came on a two-yard run by Jeremy Baugh.

For the game Lake Central rushed for 228 yards, while the Cougars ran for 271.

Passing wasn't a part of the game as the Indians completed three of six attempts for 30 yards, while West Side was five of eight for only eight yards.

In Class 3A eighth ranked Griffith used its powerful running game to defeat Bishop Noll, 40-12. The Panthers ran for six touchdowns and rolled up 335 yards on the ground.

Griffith did pass for 19 yards, while the Warriors used a more balanced attack rushing for 152 yards, and throwing for 137.

Nick Mathews spearheaded the running game as he ran for 160 yards and three touchdowns. Mathews' touchdowns were scored on a nine-yard run, and one-yard run, and a 58-yard run.

Also scoring three touchdowns for the 8-2 Panthers was Nick Lamb, on a one-yard run, a three-yard run, and on a 19-yard pass play from Don Wasserman.

Jim Crosek added a two-point conversion on a pass from Alex Djukic, and Scott Sutton booted two extra points.

Brooks scored all 12 of Noll's points on a three-yard run, and on a 69-yard pass play from Joe Jumonville.

The Warriors, last season's Class 3A champion, concluded the campaign with a 5-5 record.

This Friday night Lake Central will take on rival Lake Suburban school - Crown Point - for the sectional championship.

Also Friday, Griffith will face Hammond Gavit in the first meeting of these two schools this season.

Mathews paces Griffith

By KERRY MITCHELL
Times Correspondent

Class 3A
Sectional 17

HAMMOND – When Griffith quarterback Alex Djukic left with a concussion, the Panthers' wishbone kept right on moving.

Eighth-ranked Griffith (8-2) scored 25 unanswered points in the second half to beat defending state champion Bishop Noll (5-5) 40-12 in a Class 3A Sectional 17 semifinal Friday.

Djukic went out late in the second quarter with the score 15-12. Junior Don Wasserman took over and the Panthers' vaunted wishbone hit overdrive, totaling 230 yards rushing in the second half.

Nick Mathews led the way for Griffith. The senior fullback rushed for over 160 yards rushing and scored three touchdowns.

"What can I say. He's a hell of a fullback," Panthers' coach Les Thornton said. "He plays both ways and returns kickoffs. He came to play tonight."

The Panthers' running game amassed 335 yards, allowing the offense to attempt just two passes, one of which went for the last Panther touchdown on a faked fourth-quarter field goal.

Noll also lost its starting quarterback, Joe Jumonville, who left with an injured right thumb in the third quarter. Senior halfback Reggie Smith went out in the second quarter with a bruised kidney after rushing for 34 yards and catching a 69-yard pass.

"We want to keep our offense on the field, that was our game plan," Noll coach Jerry Vlasic said. "We can't lose two of our top kids on offense and keep it up."

Tim Garvey returned the opening kickoff 48 yards to the Noll 47-yard line before the Panthers moved 53 yards in seven plays with Mathews scoring on a nine-yard run with four minutes gone in the quarter.

Bishop Noll's initial drive ended when Wasserman intercepted Jumonville's pass on the Griffith goal line.

Noll scored in the second quarter when Demon Brooks' three-yard run ended an 11-play, 67–yard drive. But the drive proved costly when Smith was hurt following a four-yard run.

Garvey returned the ensuing kickoff 53 yards to the Noll 33. The Panthers drove nine plays before Clint Lamb scored on a one-yard plunge on fourth down.

The two-point conversion gave Griffith a 15-6 lead.

Jumonville then connected on a 69-yard touchdown pass to Brooks just before halftime to cut the lead to 15-12.

But the second half was all Griffith.

An intentional grounding call against Jumonville that pushed the Warriors back inside their own 15-yard line halted the first Noll drive.

After the Warriors' punt, Griffith marched 51 yards in four plays with Lamb scoring on a three-yard run. Wasserman had a 20-yard run and Mathews had a run for 21 yards during the drive.

Jumonville was hurt during the Warriors' next possession and did not return.

	G	BN
Net Yards Rushing	335	152
Net Yards Passing	19	137
Total yards gained	354	289
First Downs	18	10
Passes att/comp/int	2/1/0	13/4/4
Punts/avg.	1/38	2/36
Penalties/yards	0/0	3/26
Fumbles/lost	0/0	1/0

SCORING BY QUARTERS
GRIFFITH 7 8 12 13_40
BISHOP NOLL 0 12 0 0_12
INDIVIDUAL SCORING
G _ Nick Mathews, 9 run (Scott Sutton kick).
BN _ Demon Brooks, 3 run (pass failed).
G _ Clint Lamb, 1 run (Jim Crosek pass from Alex Djukic).
BN _ Brooks, 69 pass from Jumonville (pass failed).
G _ Lamb, 3 run (kick failed).
G _ Mathews, 1 run (kick failed).
G _ Mathews, 58 run (run failed).
G _ Lamb, 19 pass from Don Wasserman (Sutton kick).

Friday's sectional football

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■ CLASS 5A
Sectional 1

#2 (5A) Lake Central ... 19
Gary West ... 18

Crown Point ... 22
East Chicago ... 19

■ CLASS 5A
Sectional 2

Valparaiso ... 24
LaPorte ... 7

Mishawaka ... 7
M.C. Rogers ... 3

■ CLASS 4A
Sectional 9

Calumet ... 13
Hammond Clark ... 12

#3 (4A) Andrean ... 47
Highland ... 40

■ CLASS 4A
Sectional 10

#1 (4A) Hobart ... 38
Concord ... 15

■ CLASS 3A
Sectional 17

Hammond Gavit ... 39
New Prairie ... 18

#8 (3A) Griffith ... 40
Hammond Noll ... 12

■ CLASS 2A
Sectional 25

Rensselaer ... 28
#9 (2A) Glenn ... 6

River Forest ... 32
Lake Station ... 6



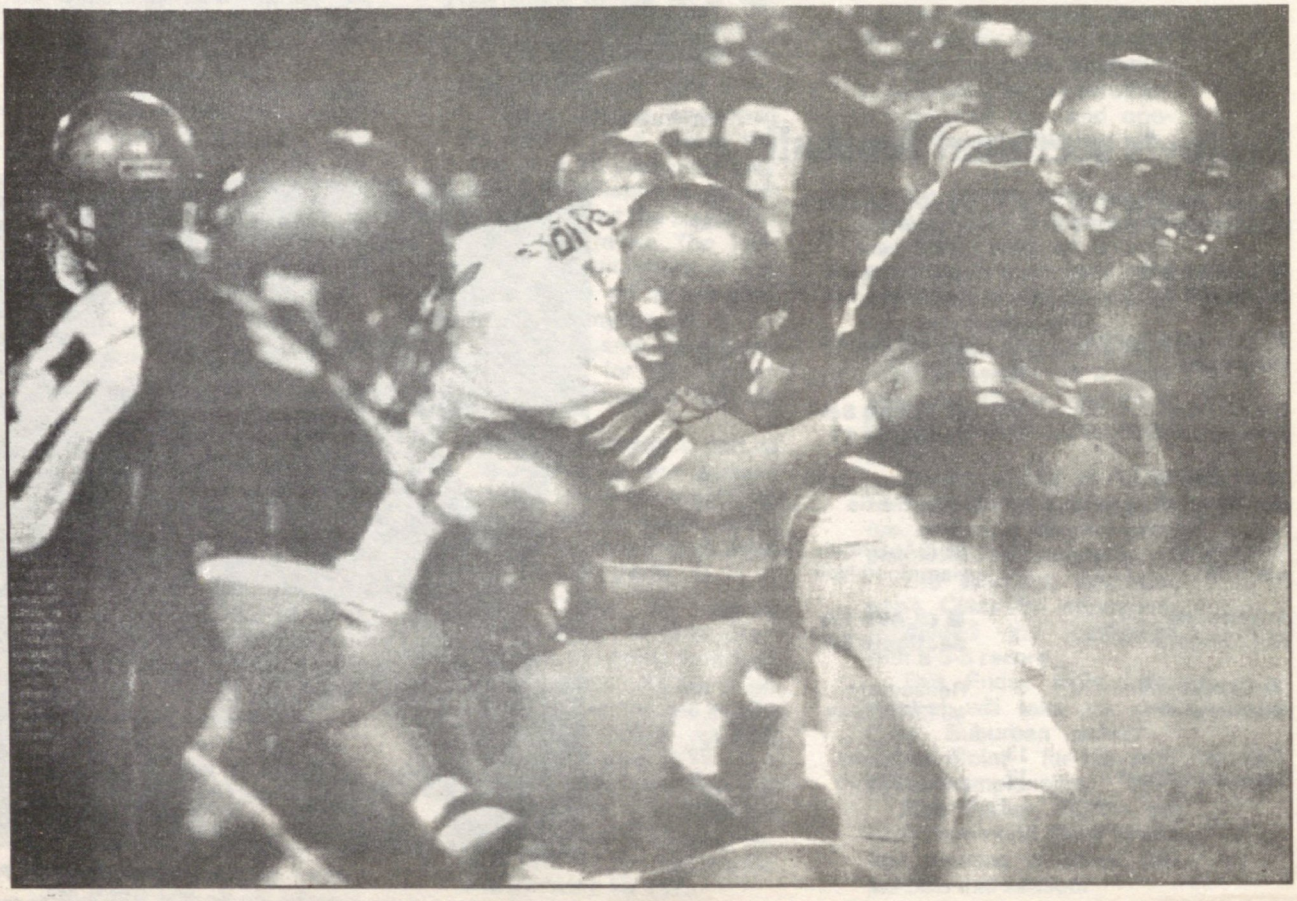
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Bishop Noll fullback Vince Bravo breaks through the Griffith line Friday night.



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Griffith safety Don Wasserman nails a first-quarter pass deep in Bishop Noll territory Friday night. Wasserman later filled in for injured quarterback Alex Djukic.



Times photo by Paul Warner

Griffith defender Rick Burks pulls down Bishop Noll's Joe Jumonville during the first half of Friday's game.

Unheralded Fort Wayne Snider sends Penn to sidelines

By The Associated Press

Prep football

Key upsets marked the semifinals of the Indiana high school football sectionals as Carmel, Penn, Western Boone and other highly ranked squads were eliminated from further play.

In Class 5A, Fort Wayne Snider edged No.1 Penn 18-17 in overtime Friday night, while defending sectional champion Carmel fell before Indianapolis North Central's strong running attack, 28-7.

"We thought that we had too much speed for them, and we were pretty sure we could move the football on them," said North Central coach George Pappas.

The Panther's Kevin Carter, a 5-foot-11, 170-pound back, rolled up 97 yards on 10 carries.

Both squads scored in the first quarter then battled to a 7-7 halftime standoff. North Central to control in the final half with an offense that proved too fast for the No.5 Greyhounds.

No.4 Marion ran by Anderson Highland 40-7. Quarterback Jeff McPherson completed only three passes but all were for touchdowns.

Unranked Lawrence North beat No.7 Warren Central 14-7. Lawrence's Larry Brown had 192 yards on 39 carries and one touchdown.

In Class 4A, the No.1 ranked team and defending sectional champion, Hobart, beat Concord 38-15.

Ron O'Neill paced Hobart with two touchdowns. Brian Fattore rushed for 166 yards, including a touchdown run of 74 yards.

Unranked Fort Wayne Southside upset No.5 Columbia City 20-14.

Meanwhile, No.6 Greenwood blanked Mooresville 33-0. Scott Beasley passed for 217 yards and three touchdowns.

In the Class 3A sectionals, No.2 Tipton eased past Crawfordsville 20-18, despite giving up the ball six times on turnovers.

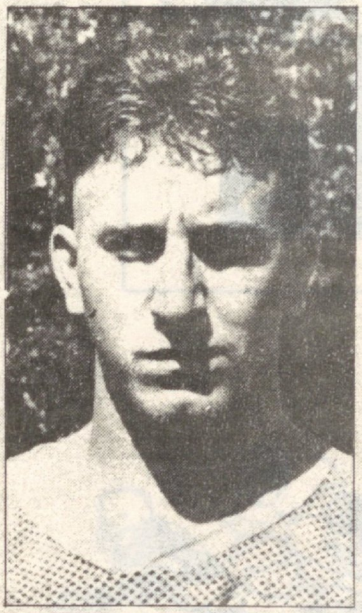
Tipton's winnings points came with two seconds left on a touchdown pass from Marc Long to Brandt Giffin. The play capped 72-yard drive.

No. 8 Griffith crushed defending sectional champion Hammond Noll 40-12.

No.3 Jasper edged Charlestown 14-6. Quarterback Ryan Seidl threw for both Wildcat touchdowns. He hit Greg Nordhoff on a 54-yard pass and Jason Lichlyter on a 7-yard toss.

Post-Tribune football players of the week

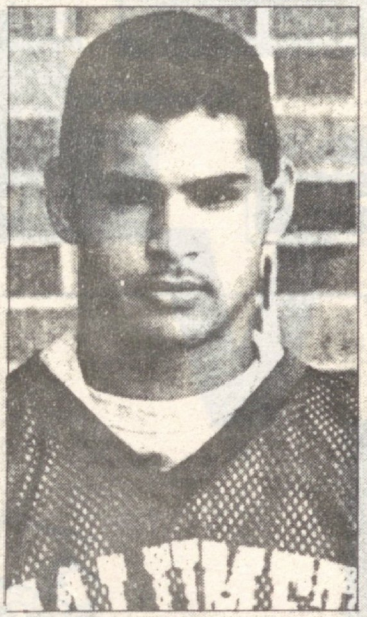
Offensive



Nick Mathews (Griffith)

The senior halfback led the offense with 170 yards rushing in 18 carries and scored three touchdowns on runs of one, nine and 58 yards in 40-12 victory over Hammond Noll.

Defensive



Alex Serrano (Calumet)

The senior defensive back made eight tackles and scored his team's first touchdown by blocking a punt and returning it 10 yards in an upset victory over Hammond Clark.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Nick Mathews

Griffith

The senior fullback rushed for 160 yards and three touchdowns as the Class 3A, eighth-ranked Panthers rolled by Bishop Noll 40-12 in the Sectional 17 semifinals. The 6-foot-2, 192-pounder scored on runs of nine, one and 58 yards.

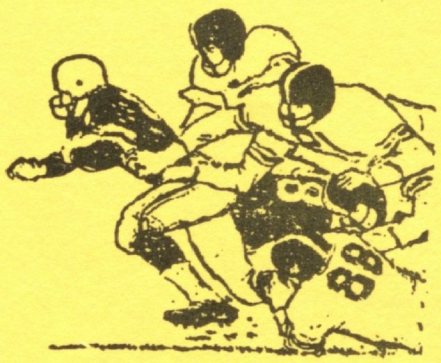
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CLASS 3A SECTIONAL 17 CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

HAMMOND GAVIT



Hammond hex awaits Panthers

By RON BROW
Times Sports Editor

Excuse Griffith football coach Les Thornton if he shudders when the city of Hammond is mentioned.

After all, the Panthers have lost in the sectional championship game each of the last two seasons to – Hammond schools.

Griffith lost to Hammond High in the Class 4A sectional finals in 1988 and bowed out to Bishop Noll in last year's Class 3A sectional title game as the Warriors went on to win the state championship.

So, of course, Thornton is leery as he prepares his Panthers for Friday night's Class 3A sectional title game at home against Gavit (9–1) at 7:30 p.m.

"You have to get there to have a chance to win it and we're there," Thornton said. "We're really looking forward to it. This is where we wanted to be at the beginning of the year and now that we're here we'd like to go one step further."

The eighth-ranked Panthers have Indiana Lake Shore Conference co-champion Gavit concerned with their wishbone offense.

"They're very disciplined," Gavit coach Rob Hanson said. "The wishbone is tough to stop and they run it well. We'll have our hands full."

Griffith (8–2) may be playing its best football of the season, especially with the return of Jim Crosek to the lineup.

Crosek was injured in the Panthers' second game of the season but returned to help the Panthers defeat Bishop Noll last week.

"We're playing pretty well right now," Thornton said.

"Our backs are running well and Crosek's return makes us that much stronger.

"His return helps us both ways because he's also an aggressive defensive player for us."

Also healthy after a sprained ankle is senior Bill Polites.



Times photo by Robert Milkowski

Griffith coach Les Thornton hopes to have quarterback Alex Djukic (30) back after he suffered a concussion last week.

Thornton also expects quarterback Alex Djukic to be back in action after suffering a concussion in last week's victory.

If not, Thornton will go with junior Don Wasserman who directed the Panthers after Djukic went out last Friday.

"Gavit concerns me because they do so many different things," Thornton said.

"They'll throw as often as they'll run.

"We have to continue like we've been playing and we've been playing well. We're going into the game doing what we've been doing all these years.

"We know our team and what we can do. We have a lot of weapons and we'll have to be able to use all of them."

Hanson certainly doesn't disagree.

"Griffith can be intimidating," Hanson said.

"They do a lot of things well offensively and defensively. They have a great program over there."

But Hanson isn't selling his Gladiators short by any means.

"When these guys want to play, they can play."

Senior Tom Eckerty is Gavit's leading rusher with 755 yards in 113 carries and 11 touchdowns.

Luis DeLuna has 21 catches for 279 yards and two touchdowns.

Griffith will be shooting for its first sectional title since 1984.

Area high school football this week

■ Griffith (8-2) entertains Hammond Gavit (9-1) Friday night for the title in Class 3A, Sectional 17.

"We're preparing for Griffith like anybody else on our schedule," Gavit coach Rob Hanson said. "We realize that we have a lot to overcome.

"Watching them on film, they have an excellent football team. They are very deserving of the recognition they've received this year.

"They don't make many mistakes and their offense (wishbone) is very tough to defend.

"We're approaching the game with open eyes; just wait and see what happens."

Gavit shared the Lake Shore Conference title with Hammond Noll with a 4-1 mark. Its lone defeat was against Hammond, 7-6.

The Gladiators' top players are sophomore quarterback Craig Fantin, running backs Andy Medellin and Tom Eckerty, receivers Dan Bafia and Luis DeLuna and Jim Baron on defense.

"We're playing well enough to win," Hanson said. "Over here at Gavit, we call it winning ugly.

"I don't know if we have enough to beat Griffith, though. We know about how tough they are and what kind of a tradition they have. We're just excited to have the opportunity to play them."

Running backs Nick Mathews, Tim Garvey and Clint Lamb lead the Panthers' attack.

Griffith, eighth-ranked, has outscored its opponents 307-88.

Prep Football

Indiana Sectional Championship Pairings

Class 5A

1 –CROWN POINT (8-2) at LAKE CENTRAL (10-0)
2 – VALPARAISO (5-5) at Mishawaka (8-2)
3 – FW Snider (6-4) at FW North (8-2)
4 – Marion (10-0) at Lafayette Jeff (7-3)
5 – IndplsN.Central (7-3) at IndplsBenDavis (9-1)
6 –Lawrence North (5-5) at Richmond (8-2)
7 – Columbus North (6-4) at Southport (9-1)
8 – Evansville Harrison (5-5) at Castle (6-4)

Class 4A

9 – CALUMET (2-8) at ANDREAN (9-1)
10 – SB Washington (9-2) at HOBART (10-0)
11 – Homestead (8-2) at FW South (6-4)
12 – Bellmont (5-5) at Lafayette Harrison (8-2)
13 – Brownsburg (4-6) at Franklin Central (10-0)
14 – Anderson (4-6) at Franklin County (10-0)
15 – Greenwood (9-1) at Columbus East (7-3)
16 – Mt. Vernon (Posey) (9-1) at Ev. Bosse (7-3)

Class 3A

17 – GAVIT (9-1) at GRIFFITH (8-2)
18 – Culver Military (5-4) at SB St. Joseph's (7-2)
19 – Eastbrook (7-3) at FW Dwenger (10-0)
20 – Tipton (10-0) at Northwestern (10-0)
21 – Indpls Chatard (8-2) at Danville (9-1)
22 – New Palestine (9-1) at Elwood (6-4)
23 – Edgewood (6-4) at Greensburg (7-3)
24 – Tell City (6-4) at Jasper (10-0)

Class 2A

25 – RIVER FOREST (8-2) at Rensselaer (5-5)
26 – W. Noble (8-2) at FW Luers (6-4)
27 – Rochester (6-4) at Cass (8-2)
28 – W. Lafayette (8-2) at Hamilton Hts. (9-1)
29 – Indpls Scecina (5-5) at Zionsville (6-4)
30 – Frankton (10-0) at Hagerstown (10-0)
31 – Greencastle (8-2) at Monrovia (9-1)
32 – Ev. Mater Dei (2-8) at Heritage Hill (7-3)

Class 1A

33 – Bremen (10-0) at Jimtown (6-4)
34 – South Adams (10-0) at Churubusco (7-3)
35 – Frontier (7-3) at N.White (6-4)
36 – Tri-Central (6-4) at Southwood (9-1)
37 – Lafayette Catholic (5-5) at Sheridan (5-4)
38 – Tri High (9-1) at S. Decatur (9-0)
39 – North Putnam (8-2) at South Putnam (5-5)
40 – Springs Valley (10-0) at Tecumseh (7-3)

Local standings

■ Duneland Conference

	CON. W	CON. L	ALL W	ALL L	PF	PA
c-Hobart	6	0	10	0	366	84
Merrillville	5	1	6	3	181	79
Portage	4	2	5	4	216	195
M.C. Rogers	3	3	6	4	132	137
LaPorte	2	4	3	7	91	184
Valparaiso	1	5	5	5	194	214
Chesterton	0	6	0	9	60	207

■ Lake Shore Conference

	CON. W	CON. L	ALL W	ALL L	PF	PA
c-Ham. Gavit	3	1	9	1	235	104
c-Ham. Noll	3	1	5	5	213	196
Hammond	2	2	4	3	120	135
f-Ham. Morton	1	3	4	5	83	123
x-Ham. Clark	1	3	5	5	121	123

■ Lake Suburban Conference

	CON. W	CON. L	ALL W	ALL L	PF	PA
c-Lake Central	6	0	10	0	298	60
Crown Point	5	1	8	2	210	68
Griffith	4	2	8	2	307	88
Highland	3	3	5	5	202	186
Munster	2	4	3	6	127	212
Lowell	1	5	2	7	45	264
Calumet	0	6	2	8	75	237

■ Northwestern Conference

	CON. W	CON. L	ALL W	ALL L	PF	PA
c-Gary Wallace	4	0	6	3	224	97
Gary West	3	1	5	4	173	135
Gary Roosevelt	2	2	3	5	106	182
Gary Wirt	1	3	2	7	83	228
Gary Mann	0	4	1	8	26	254

■ NW Hoosier Conference

	CON. W	CON. L	ALL W	ALL L	PF	PA
c-Lake Station	4	1	8	2	194	100
c-River Forest	4	1	8	2	245	89
Rensselaer	3	2	5	5	193	146
North Judson	2	3	4	5	188	137
Kank. Valley	2	3	2	7	52	153
North Newton	0	5	0	9	54	270

■ Independents

	W	L	PF	PA
Andrean	9	1	280	122
East Chicago	4	6	244	168
Whiting	1	8	129	239

c-Conference champion.
x-Includes forfeited game.
f-Won forfeited game.

We did it!



Photo by Aldino Gallo

Members of the Griffith Panthers proudly display the team's Class 3A Sectional trophy.

Panthers reign

By David Hendrix

In the days of the ancient Roman Empire, the Emperor and his nobles would often amuse themselves by watching battles to the death between gladiators and wild animals. These animals were lions, tigers...and sometimes, even panthers.

Usually the gladiators emerged victorious. This time the panthers won.

Griffith (9-2) achieved its third sectional championship with a convincing 28-6 victory last Friday over the Hammond Gavit Gladiators before an enthusiastic sold-out crowd at Griffith Stadium.

The Class 3A eighth-ranked Panthers bruised the Gavit defense for 397 rushing yards. Tim Garvev led the charge with 126 yards of thirteen carries. Nick Matthews rushed ten times for 90 yards, and Clint Lamb added 58 yards in eight carries.

Griffith's four touchdowns were scored by senior quarterback Alex Djukic on a 12-yard option in the first quarter, a four-yard run by Lamb late in the second, a two-yard run by senior halfback Mike Worosz in the third, and a 10-yard reception by senior split-end Jim Crosek late in the game.

Djukic sustained a knee injury late in the first half and did not return, but was able replaced by junior Don Wasserman, who completed three of three passes for 35 yards, including the touchdown pass to Crosek.

Gavit (9-2) boasted a potent passing offense led by sophomore quarterback Craig Fantin, who completed 14 of 23 passes for 243 yards. His primary target was senior tight end Luis DeLuna, who caught seven passes for 120 yards. They drove inside the Griffith 20 three times before they scored. Their lone touchdown was a thirteen-yard reception by senior Shayne Snider late in the game. A two-point conversion attempt failed.

The Panther defense rose to the occasion. They stopped strong Gavit drives on fourth downs at the 16 and the three. A key fumble recovery at the 14 stopped another big Gavit surge. Junior defensive end Neil Miklusak rang up three quarterback sacks. Wasserman, as a safety, registered an interception. The Gladiators were held to 20 net rushing yards.

"We stopped their run effectively, so they were forced to pass," said Griffith head coach Les Thornton. "They passed fairly well early. We weren't handling that big tight end (DeLuna) at first. but we started getting pressure on the quarterback. And our running game controlled the ball."

"This is the best feeling in the world," said junior place-kicker Scott Sutton in a jubilant post-game Griffith locker room. Many Panthers loudly proclaimed their prediction for this year's 3A state championship, but "we've got to think one game at a time," Sutton added.

The head Panther agreed.

"I can't afford to think past next week," Thornton said. "It's going to be tough, so right now all I have to worry about is (South Bend) St. Joe."

South Bend St. Joseph nipped Culver Military Adademy 24-21 in overtime. They will face Griffith for the regional title Friday night.

The standing-room-only crowd boisterously greeted the Panthers' first sectional title since 1984. Perhaps the most visible Griffith fans were their parents, who sported "Proud Panther Parent" buttons with their sons' uniform numbers on them.

"The Griffith parents are really supportive of the team," said Chris Wroblewski, whose son Andy starts at offensive guard. "They're always out here."

She agreed that many years of keeping her son well-fed seems to have paid off.

Lake Central, Griffith sectional champs

THE CALUMET PRESS

by R.W. Hugus
Sports Writer



Area football fans had two reasons to cheer Friday night.

Two local schools won sectional championships.

Lake Central, in Class 5A, won its sectional, and in Class 3A Griffith came up with the crown.

In a rematch Friday night it was not surprising that Lake Central beat Crown Point, but it was surprising that it was able to defeat them by the score of 38-14.

The two schools had met the second week of the season in the Hoosier Dome, and the Indians managed to escape with a 3-0 win.

The Indians are now 11-0 and owe much to their defense as it has given up only 74 points in 11 games, and once again stiffled the opposition Friday night. While the defense gave up 14 points it did limit Crown Point to only 13 first downs, 120 yards rushing, 80 yards passing, and intercepted two passes.

Joe Ercus led the running attack as he scored four times. Ercus scored on runs of one yard, 64 yards, three yards, and 11 yards. Chris Flores also scored a touchdown on a two-yard run, while Matt Gelon connected on five extra points and a 21-yard field goal.

Lake Central fell behind 7-0 in the first quarter, but came back on Gelon's field goal, and Ercus' first touchdown run to lead 10-7 at the end of the first quarter.

Crown Point scored again before the half to take a 14-10 lead at the intermission, but the Indians scored all of the 28 second half points to control the game.

Griffith came into its sectional game with a 8-2 record. They scored the first 28 points of the game defeating Hammond Gavit, 28-6.

The Panther defense gave up 243 yards passing, but limited Gavit to only 20 yards rushing, while picking off one pass, and recovering one fumble.

Alex Djukic started off the Griffith scoring with a 12-yard run, and then Clint Lamb followed with a four-yard scamper. Mike Worosz then followed with a two-yard run, and Jim Crosek capped off the scoring with a 10-yard pass reception from Don Wasserman. Scott Sutton added all four extra point attempts.

Both Lake Central and Griffith will host regional championshp games this Friday night. The Indians will take on Mishawaka, and the Panthers will face St. Joseph of South Bend.



Griffith pounds Hammond Gavit

By John Mutka
Sports Editor

GRIFFITH — Pound, pound, pound.

That's what Griffith's wishbone offense does to unsuspecting opponents.

Reel, reel, reel.

That's what happened to Hammond Gavit's defense Friday night in the Class 3A, Sectional 17 championship game.

Griffith splintered it for 397 rushing yards and a 28-6 victory before nearly a standing room only crowd of 3,000 fans.

It was the third sectional championship for the swift Panthers (9-2), who will entertain South Bend St. Joseph at 7 p.m. next Friday in regional play. St. Joseph's slipped past Culver Military Academy, 24-21, in overtime.

Clint Lamb and Nick Mathews have been Griffith's most effective runners this season, but the spotlight shifted to Tim Garvey at Griffith Stadium. He rushed for 126 yards in only 13 carries.

"Garvey had knee surgery in May," said Coach Les Thornton. "He came off it very slowly. He's just been really running hard the last three games."

Mathews added 90 yards in 10 trips. Meanwhile, Lamb did not touch the ball in the first or fourth quarters, but still finished with 58 yards in 8 carries.

"We've got a well balanced backfield," said Thornton. "Any of the three guys I've got back there can carry the ball."

Griffith's victory may have been costly. Quarterback Alex Djukic injured his knee twice in the second quarter and did not return after the intermission.

The Panthers did not skip a beat without him. Junior quarterback Don Wasserman completed 3 of 3 passes for 35 yards, including a 10-yard touchdown to split end Jim Crosek in the fourth quarter.

"They're both hurt, but playing," said Thornton. "We don't know about Djukic — he's got a knee — and Wasserman's got a back — he's had for a while."

Garvey's 24-yard punt return set up Griffith's first touchdown. The Panthers charged 48 yards in four plays, scoring on Djukic's 12-yard cutback off right tackle.

Gavit could not establish a running game, but sophomore quarterback Craig Fantin caught 14 of 23 passes for 243 yards. Senior Luis DeLuna was his prime receiver, the 6-foot-3, 230-pound tight end catching seven passes for 120 yards.

"They had a nice passing game," said Thornton. "We shut down their run, but (DeLuna) hurt us early. He's a load when he catches the ball."

Griffith led only 7-0 when Shane Snider intercepted Djukic's pass on the second play of the second quarter. Fentin promptly completed a 28-yard pass to Snider for a first down at Griffith's 23.

Three plays later, Tom Eckerty's eight-yard sweep put on Griffith's three. But Griffith's defense stiffened.

After taking over on downs, the Panthers drove 97 yards in nine plays. Lamb ripped off 17 yards on an end run, then added 23 on a reception before scoring from the four.

Gavit's Snider nearly trimmed its 14-0 deficit in half with a 42-yard kickoff return before being tripped up from behind. The Gladiators were unable to capitalize, though.

In the third quarter, Fentin tried to rally the Gladiators (9-2), but turnovers stopped two drives.

Wasserman intercepted a deflected pass on Griffith's 10. On Gavit's next possession, Fentin connected with Snider for 33 yards, but he fumbled on the 13 and Griffith's Nate Miklusak recovered.

Griffith scored on each turnover on drives of 77 and 87 yards, respectively. The Panthers increased their margin to 28-0 before their defense relaxed.

Fentin engineered a 76-yard drive in the last eight minutes. He completed five passes for 60 yards, Snider scoring on a 13-yarder with 4:18 left.

Eckerty was Gavit's leading rusher with 47 yards in 10 trips, but three sacks by end Neil Miklusak reduced Gavit's net rushing total to 20 yards.

HAMMOND GAVIT	0	0	0	6	— 6
GRIFFITH	7	7	7	7	—28

SCORING

Gr — Djukic 12 off tackle (Sutton kick)
Gr — Lamb 4 off tackle (Sutton kick)
Gr — Worosz 2 off tackle (Sutton kick)
Gr — Crosek 10 pass from Wasserman (Sutton kick)
HG — Snider 13 pass from Fenton (run failed)

STATISTICS

	HG	Gr
First downs	14	23
Yards rushing	20	397
Yards passing	243	58
Passes	14-23	4-6
Intercepted by	1	1
Punts — avg. yards	2-38	1-35
Fumbles — lost	2-1	2-0
Penalties — yards	4-30	8-52

Friday's sectional football

LOCAL SECTIONAL ROUNDUP, PAGE C3

■ CLASS 5A
Sectional 1

#2 (5A) Lake Central	38
Crown Point	14

■ CLASS 5A
Sectional 2

Mishawaka	16
Valparaiso	14

■ CLASS 4A
Sectional 9

Andrean	28
Calumet	0

■ CLASS 4A
Sectional 10

#1 (4A) Hobart	21
S.B. Washington	11

■ CLASS 3A
Sectional 17

#8 (3A) Griffith	28
Hammond Gavit	6

■ CLASS 2A
Sectional 25

River Forest	25
Rensselaer	16

Panthers roll past Gladiators

By RICK SEYMOUR
Times Correspondent

GRIFFITH – Coaching in his third consecutive sectional title game against a Hammond school, Griffith coach Les Thornton finally came away with the Class 3A Sectional 17 title Friday night.

The Panthers (9-2) posted a 28-6 win over visiting Gavit (9-2) before a near capacity crowd on an unseasonable warm evening.

"This was a good win. We worked hard all year and to have this game means a lot to Griffith," Thornton said.

The Panthers used a balanced offensive attack to pile up 390 yards. Nick Mathews and Tim Garvey handled the ground game, while backup quarterback Don Wasserman engineered an impressive aerial show. Starting quarterback Alex Djukic left the game at the half with a bruised knee.

Class 3A Sectional 17

"We were able to stick to our game plan which was to run the ball and control the clock," Thornton said. "We were able to move the ball easier than I thought we would."

Neil Miklusak, Scott Sutton and Rick Burks led the Panther defense, which limited Gavit to 33 rushing yards.

"Maybe I should give the whole defense the game ball; they sure deserved it," Thornton said.

The Panthers scored a touchdown in each quarter, giving the defense a comfortable lead to work with.

Djukic put Griffith on the board on the team's second possession of the game. The Panther quarterback scored on an 11-yard TD run at the 6:19 mark of the first quarter to cap a four-play, 48-yard drive.

"We were able to move the ball on the ground early, which is what we were hoping for," Thornton said.

The Gladiators were able to bounce back, mounting an impressive drive only to be thwarted by penalties. After giving the ball up on downs to the Panthers, Shayne Snider picked off a Djukic pass at midfield.

Gavit quarterback Craig Fantin moved his squad down to the two-yard line only to be stopped by the Panther defense on fourth down.

The Panther offense then moved 98 yards in just nine plays for a score.

Clint Lamb bulled his way in from the four behind Joe Reitz and Andy Wroblewski at the 3:48 mark of the second quarter.

"Our offensive line did the job for us out there tonight. They have been picking it up when we need it," Thornton said.

Mike Worosz gave Griffith a 21-0 lead when he capped a 10-play, 77-yard drive by scoring on a two-yard run with 5:02 left in the third quarter.

The Panthers' final score followed a fumble recovery at the Griffith 14.

Wasserman completed a 13-play scoring drive with a 10-yard TD pass to Jim Crosek at 8:48 of the fourth quarter.

Gavit scored with 4:18 left on Fantin's 13-yard scoring pass to Snider.

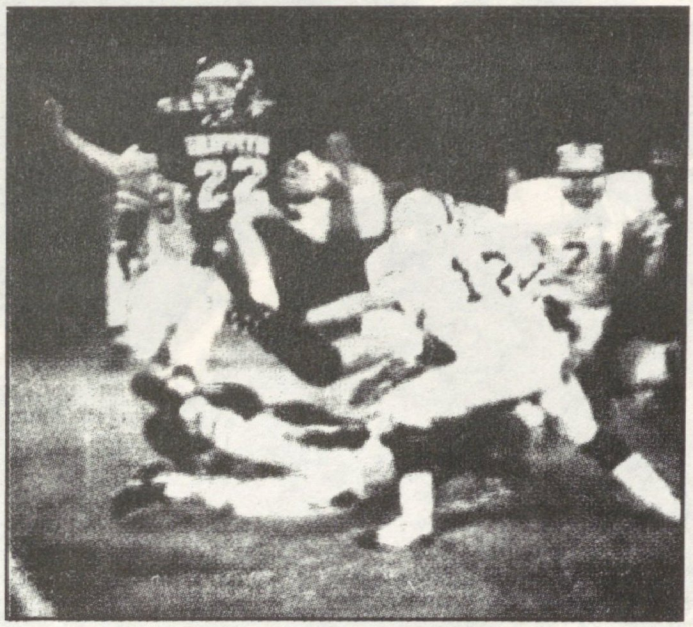
	GAV	GRI
Net Yards Rushing	56	334
Net Yards Passing	259	56
Total yards gained	315	390
First Downs	22	28
Passes att/comp/int	22/15/1	6/4/1
Punts/avg.	2/37	1/34
Penalties/yards	4/30	8/45
Fumbles/lost	2/1	3/0

SCORING BY QUARTERS

GAVIT	0	0	0	6	–6
GRIFFITH	7	7	7	7	–28

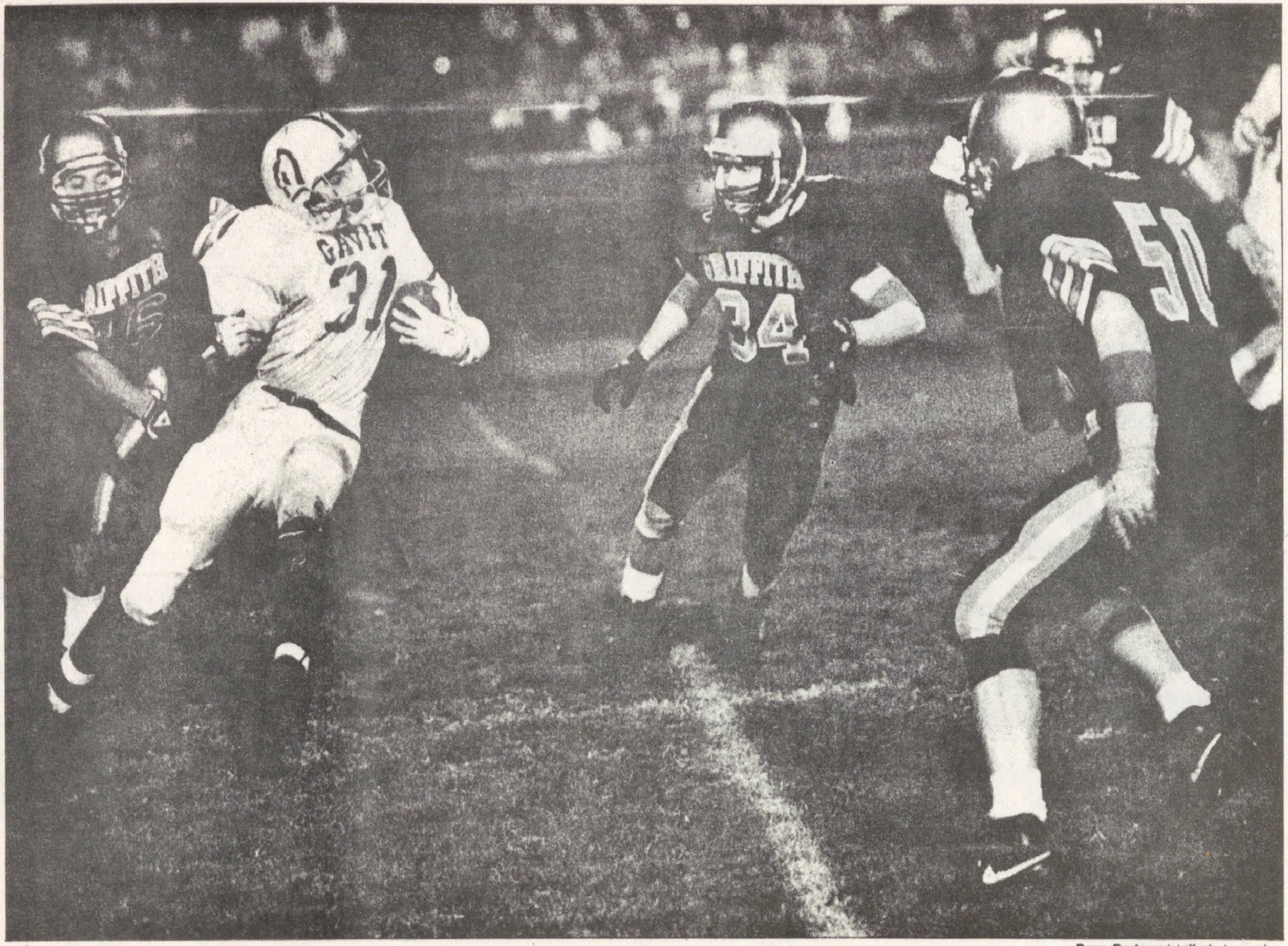
INDIVIDUAL SCORING

GRI – Alex Djukic, 11 run (Scott Sutton kick).
GRI – Clint Lamb, 4 run (Sutton kick).
GRI – Mike Worosz, 2 run (Sutton kick).
GRI – Jim Crosek, 8 pass from Don Wasserman (Sutton kick).
GAV – Shayne Snider, 13 pass from Craig Fantin (run failed).



Times photo by Joe Kus

Griffith's Clint Lamb (22)vaults over a defender Friday as Gavit's Rick Wiening (12) tries to get into position to make the tackle.



Dave Bartman/staff photographer

Griffith defenders Tim Garvey (26), Russ Dewes (34) and Rick Burks (50) close in on Gavit's Shayne Snider (31).

PANTHER STATS

1. Game# 11 Record: Win 9 Loss 2

2. Scoring

	1	2	3	4	OT	Total	Avg.
Opponent	16	45	13	20	0	94	8.5
Griffith	85	83	92	75	0	335	30.5

3. Off. Plays

	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg.
Opponent	322	152	474	43.1
Griffith	469	102	571	51.9

4. 1st Downs

	Rush	Pass	Pen.	Total	Avg.
Opponent	59	27	9	95	8.6
Griffith	127	27	11	165	15

5. Total Off.

	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg.
Opponent	1158	634	1792	162.9
Griffith	2759	815	3574	324.9

6. Fumbles

	No.	Recovered	Lost
Opponent	31	13	18
Griffith	25	14	11

7. Passing

	Attemp.	Com.	Pct	Yds	TD	Int
DJUKIC	71	26	37	575	8	3
WASSERMAN	23	11	48	166	2	1
SHERRY	8	2	25	74	1	0
Griffith	102	39	38	815	11	4
Opponent	152	45	30	634	3	19

8. Receiver

	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Longest
CROSEK	5	160	32	5	60
MASSA	3	55	18.3	0	32
MACISZAK	1	23	23	0	23
MIKLUSAK	4	39	9.8	1	13
BELL	4	135	33.1	1	62
LAMB	16	315	19.7	3	44
GARVEY	1	8	8	0	8
WOROSZ	1	24	24	0	24
MATHEWS	3	44	14.7	1	33
HARDER	1	12	12	0	12
Griffith	39	815	20.9	11	62
Opponent	45	634	14.1	3	69

Rusher

	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Longest
MATHEWS	120	701	5.8	7	58
LAMB	96	713	7.4	11	60
DJUKIC	57	224	3.9	5	22
GARVEY	65	411	6.3	4	36
POLITES	15	96	6.4	0	18
WASSERMAN	34	226	6.6	4	57
WOROSZ	17	147	8.6	3	65
LESLIE,T.	21	63	3	0	8
MURDOCK	15	65	4.3	0	14
LESLIE,S.	8	41	5.1	1	15
HARWOOD	10	45	4.5	0	13
DEWES	2	1	.5	0	1
SHERRY	2	-3	-1.5	0	1
Griffith	469	2759	5.9	35	65
Opponent	322	1158	3.6	9	59

Punts	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Block	Longest
VERBICH	29	1017	35.1	1	57
Griffith	29	1017	35.1	1	57
Opponent	43	1284	29.9	1	46

Kickoff	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Longest
SUTTON	36	1615	44.9	56
MURDOCK	16	693	43.3	60
SUTKOWSKI	8	319	39.9	45
Griffith	60	2627	43.8	60
Opponent	27	1120	41.5	59

Punt Ret.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Longest
LAMB	1	-12	-12	0	-12
GARVEY	7	73	10.4	0	23
POLITES	1	12	12	0	12
WASSERMAN	2	10	5	0	10
CROSEK	1	14	14	0	14
MURDOCK	4	28	7	0	13
DJUKIC	4	41	10.3	0	14
BELL	1	25	25	1	25
Griffith	21	191	9.1	1	25
Opponent	8	75	9.4	0	14

K.O.Ret.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Longest
WOROSZ	2	5	2.5	0	6
LOPEZ	1	1	1	0	1
POLITES	3	56	18.7	0	27
MATHEWS	7	164	23.4	0	35
MURDOCK	2	19	9.5	0	11
MACISZAK	1	24	24	0	24
GARVEY	6	128	21.3	0	51
Griffith	22	397	18	0	51
Opponent	57	915	16.1	1	93

Scoring	Rush	Pass	Pat 1	Pat 2	Safety	KO Ret	Fum Rec.	FG	Pun R	Int.	Total
CROSEK		5		1							32
LAMB	11	3		1							86
DJUKIC	5										30
WOROSZ	3										18
WASSERMAN	4										24
SUTTON			33					1			36
MURDOCK			5								5
SCHREIBER					1						2
MATHEWS	7	1									48
GARVEY	4										24
LESLIE,S.	1									1	12
MIKLUSAK		1									6
BELL		1							1		12
Griffith	35	11	38	2	1	—	—	1	1	1	335
Opponent	9	3	7	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	94

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CLASS 3A

REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

SOUTH BEND ST. JOE

Griffith looks for first regional title

By JOHN O'MALLEY
Times Sports Writer

Coach Les Thornton hasn't won a regional football title since he's been at Griffith High School, but his team is in position to line him up with his first.

The No. 8 Class 3A Panthers (9-2) host No. 10 South Bend St. Joseph's (8-2) at 7 p.m. Friday.

"We haven't even been in a regional since 1984 when we lost to Concord 10-0," Thornton said.

If Griffith is to earn the crown, it may have to do it without quarterback Alex Djukic, who tore ligaments in a knee in last week's sectional title game victory over Gavit.

"Alex has been fitted with a brace and will have surgery after the season," Thornton said.

As of Monday evening, Thornton hinted at the possibility that Djukic could still play, but was concerned about Djukic causing further injury to the knee as well as his effectiveness if his quarterback chose to play with the injury.

If Djukic isn't ready to go, junior backup Don Wasserman should be, although even Wasserman is nursing a back injury.

Regardless of who handles the quarterback duties for the Panthers, St. Joe coach Frank Amato says his Indians have to be ready to stop Griffith's potent wishbone rushing attack led by backs Clint Lamb (713 yards, 11 touchdowns), Nick Mathews (701, seven TDs) and Tim Garvey (411, four TDs).

"Our kids respect Griffith a lot," Amato said. "Griffith is a very impressive team which comes right at you. They have the type of offense that wears you down. Both their quarterbacks run the ball extremely well and they're bigger than we are physically.

"Our kids know what they have to do. This is going to be the toughest game and the best opponent we've played all year. If we're to beat Griffith, we can't turn the ball over to them and put ourselves in the hole like we did last week."

In last week's sectional title game, St. Joe fumbled on its first two possessions and fell behind Culver Military Academy 14-0 before rallying for a 24-21 overtime victory.

"We have to also try to control the tempo of the game because their offense will try to wear you down," Amato added. "They have excellent running backs in Mathews and Lamb.

"We have to keep the ball out of their hands and that's not going to be easy because Griffith is very aggressive defensively. What we're going to have to do defensively is force them to go the long road to score. We certainly can't afford for them to have any easy scores."

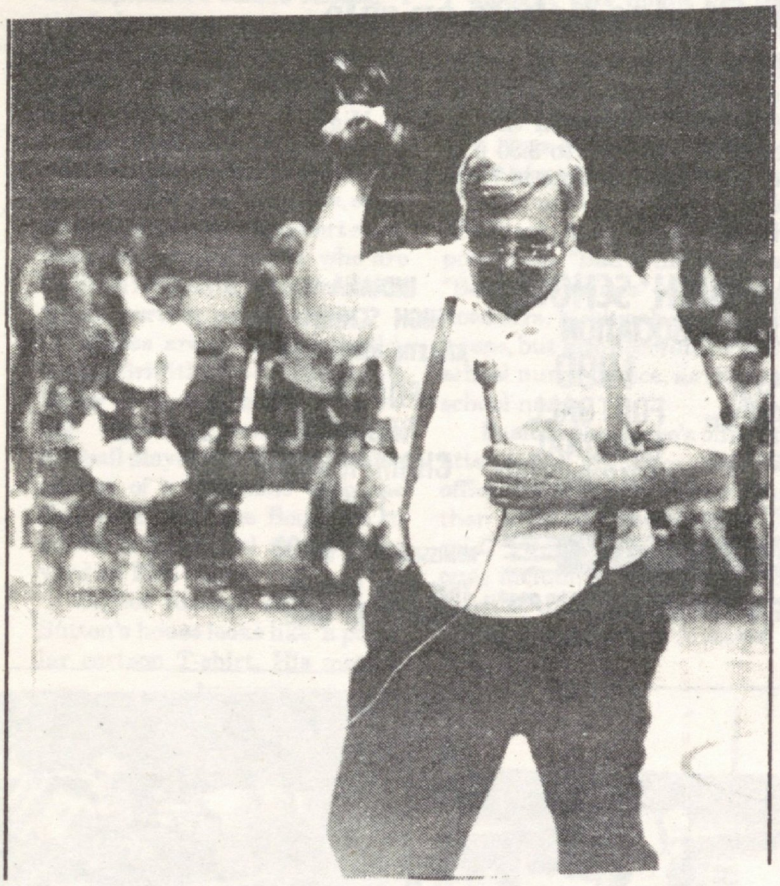
Amato also expressed concern with Griffith's punt return team, saying his squad will have its work cut out for it trying to break through the Panthers' return wall.

But while Amato is full of concerns about the Panthers, Thornton is plenty concerned about the Indians.

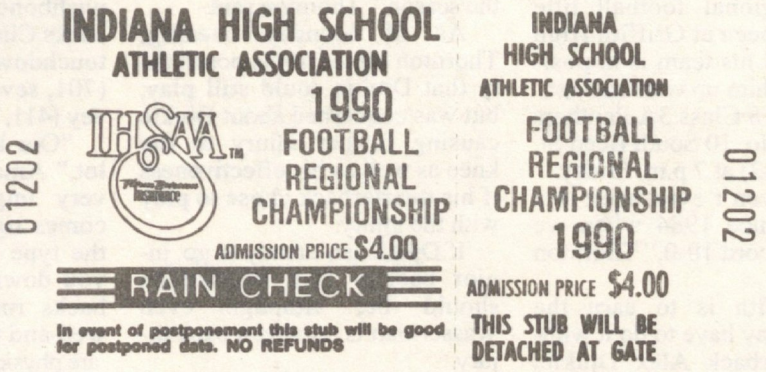
The Indians, who run of the I-formation with a little option mixed in, rotate three backs in the backfield.

Tom Scott, who plays both the fullback and tailback spots, has rushed for over 1,100 yards while scoring 17 touchdowns. Scott also plays free safety on defense.

St. Joe's other top backs are fullback Eric DeCraene, who has notched nearly 400 yards, and tailback Loren Veldman, who's rushed for nearly 300.



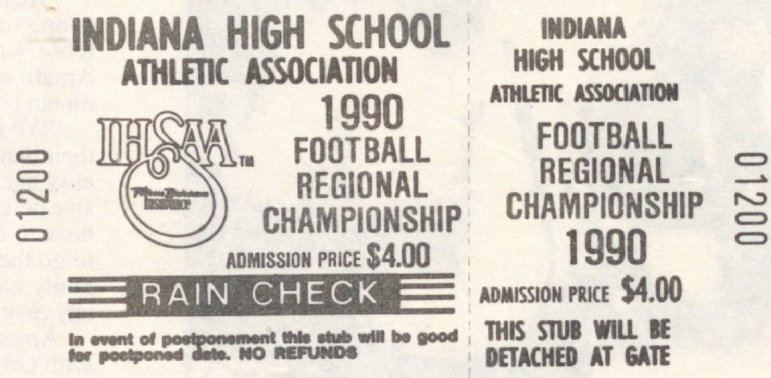
Head coach Les Thornton leads the cheer "Beat Gavit" during last Friday's pep rally, using the "Bone" as his spirit stick to get the crowd riled. The wishbone offense prompted their "Bad to the Bone" slogan.



Griffith-St. Joe tickets on sale

Tickets for Friday's Class 3A regional football game between South Bend St. Joseph's and host Griffith go on sale Tuesday in the Griffith High School office, from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

All tickets are $4. Game time is 7 p.m.



Playoff fever hits Griffith

Downtown, storefront widows are displaying graffiti. This graffiti isn't obscene. Instead it features spirit messages for the high school football team.

Student Council took charge of this project. They painted the windows before sectional playoffs . Said Student Council member sophomore Jackie Acosta, "I think decorating makes the town look spirited . When people go downtown they'll know our team is looking good."

The owner of one store, whose windows were painted said,"This helps promote our business, especially because we are a sport shop. Many of our customers, who are Griffith residents, compliment us for supporting school sports."

Stores aren't the only buildings in Griffith that are decorated. Many players' homes are sporting signs and banners. Senior football player Tim Garvey built a replica of a wishbone with the slogan "Bad to the Bone" on it, which is displayed in his front yard on Elm Street.

Junior football player Scott Sutton's house looks like a popular cartoon T-shirt. His mother built and designed an eight-foot Bart Simpson wearing a "Bad to the Bone" sweatshirt. The yard is filled with Simpson/ Griffith sayings, such as "Who in the heck is St. Joe?"

Mrs. Sutton said, "I decided to use Bart to decorate our yard because kids are "into" Bart and I thought this might get them "into" the Panthers. My husband and I get just as excited as the football team during playoffs.."

Football players Neil (junior) and Nate Miklusak (sophomore) come home to a decorated house. Their mother, Mrs. Nikki Miklusak hung a sign on her porch with "Bad to the Bone", and "Beat the Indians" on it. Not only does Mrs. Miklusak decorate her house, but also decorates the high school nurse's office, as she is the school nurse.

Besides the nurse's office, the attendance, guidance, and main offices have been displaying Panther pride. Principal Sam Cox said, "I think the signs get everyone, including adults into the spirit of things. I'd like to see all school personel get involved in this."

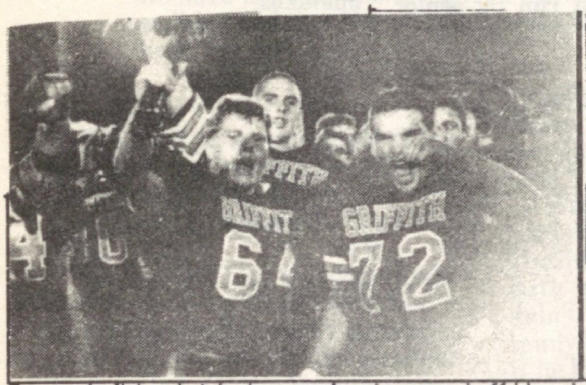
Football head coach Les Thornton appreciates the hype. "This isn't the first time we've won sectionals. However, we've never gone further than sectionals which is an incentive for this year. "

Thornton has motivated senior John Verbich and Neil Miklusak." He reminds us about other years that we could have done great but didn't. We want this year to be the exception,"said both.

Another factor that boosts morale is the crowd . Said senior Mike Bell,"I like to hear our crowd get into the game. I feel they are a factor in helping to intimidate our opposition."

"When you know people are behind you, it motivates you to try harder," said Verbich.

Athletic director Jim Bartlett said, "Our crowds are not only composed of students and parents, but other town members who enjoy backing our teams. The Griffith adult following is definitely the best in northwest Indiana for home and away games. Other area schools can't believe the size of our following. Our community is one with a lot of spirit."

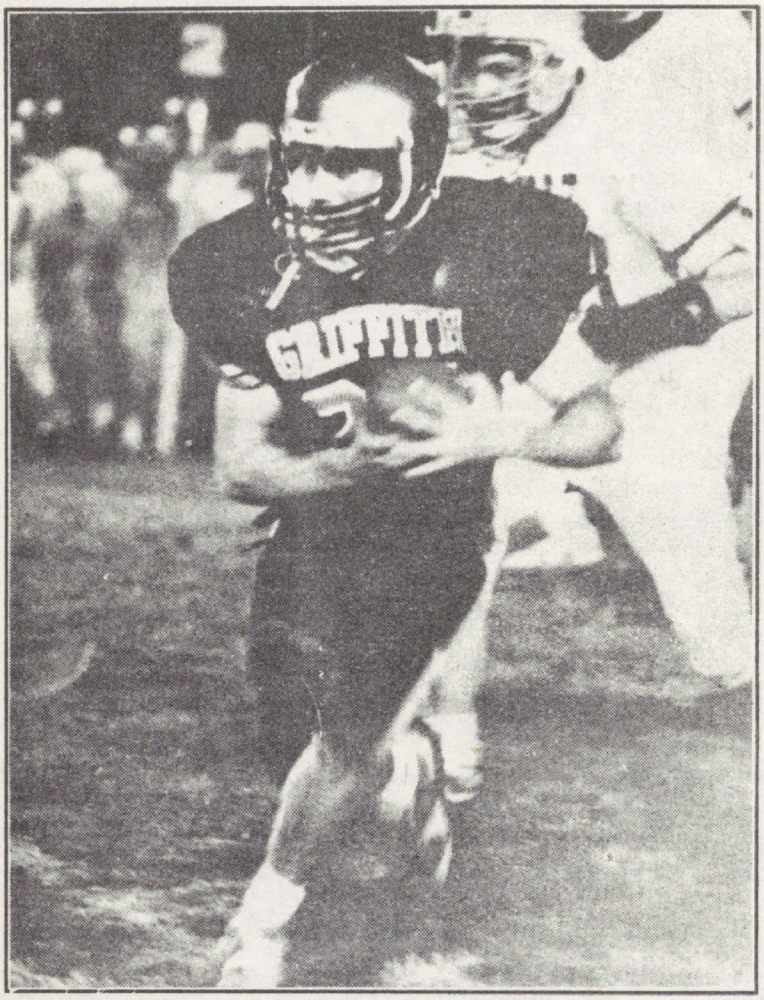






From left to right: Jason Anderson,Jeff Harder and Dave Comer celebrate last Friday's Panther Sectional win; a very supportive household helps junior Scott Sutton and the rest of the team and community get psyched up for the game; area retailers have no doubt about the location of one of the Panther's upcoming games.

Regional crown on the line tonight as Panthers face South Bend St. Joseph



Junior Jerry Murdock eyes the end zone as he races away from a Gavit defender during Griffith's 28-6 victory which gave them the Class 3A Sectional championship. Tonight the Panthers face theSouth Bend St. Joe Indians for the Regional championship on the Panther field at 7 p.m.

Team wins first Sectional since 1984

by Darrick Ramsey

Claiming the Class 3A Sectional 17 title last Friday the Panthers crushed the visiting 9-2 Gavit Gladiators 28-6.

The key to the Panthers win was the combined 334 yards on the ground led by Seniors Nick Mathewds, Tim Garvey, and Clint Lamb. Head Coach Les Thornton said," Lamb and Mathews have been strong all year and Garvey is just starting to get going after his operation."

The defense also played a great role by holding the Gladiators to just 6 points in the game.

The Panthers struck first with a 11 yard touchdown by Senior Alex Djukic in the first quarter.

In the second quarter the Panthers defense really came into play by stopping two Gavit drives.

After a turnover the Panthers went 98 yards in 9 plays and scored on a 4 yard touchdown run by Lamb who said,"I just saw a big hole and so I just went through the line."

The Panthers came out after the half and scored on a 2 yard touchdown run by senior Mike Worosz in the third quarter.

Both the Panthers and the Gladiators scored in the forth but Gavit failed on the run for the two point conversion. Which would not have made an impact in the game at that point.

The Panthers came into the Gavit game pumped up because of their 40-12 victory over defending state champs Bishop Noll.

Against Noll the Panthers "Wishbone" offense was again the key, with Mathews at the helm with a career high 167 yards rushing. Mathews was also named the Lake Suburban Conference Player Of Week after such a great performance in the Noll game.

The Panthers defense did a great job of picking off Noll's passes and by letting Noll's explosive offense in the endzone only twice.

Today could be the last home game for the Panthers. They will start off Regionals against South Bend St. Joseph which is ranked 10 in Class 3A.

Coach Les Thornton said,"They are a very good team that is well coached and they won't make mistakes on their own you have to make them make mistakes."

Griffith powered by pizza

Post-Tribune

By Jeff Foss
Correspondent

GRIFFITH — Most teams follow a routine on game nights, a step-by-step process before kickoff.

Griffith's football squad promotes team unity by keeping its players together after school lets out on Friday.

The players, together, walk about a half-mile from the school to a downtown restaurant for a pizza feast. And, then, walk back to school to get ready for the game.

The eighth-ranked Panthers (9-2) host No. 10 South Bend St. Joe (8-2) in a Class 3A regional game tonight. The winner advances to the northern semistate Nov. 16 or 17 against No. 1 Fort Wayne Dwenger or No. 5 Northwestern; both are 11-0.

"This is the third year we've been doing this," Thornton said of the pregame ritual the team follows before the lights go on. "We used to let the kids go home on game days. Then we started keeping them after school. We had all the kids bring sack lunches.

"Then we got this idea ... a lot of it is credited to Bill Laviolette, who is a long-time supporter. He suggested that we go uptown for pizza before the games.

"So, anyway we started doing that," Thornton said. "The prices are reasonable, and all the kids pay for their own pizza. I liked it better than having the kids go home. You didn't know what they were doing; you didn't know what kind of meals they were eating. And we liked the walk, too. People in the community see us walking and they'll come out to wave and wish us good luck. It's real nice.

"It's kind of a traditional thing now. Different teams have different little rituals they follow before a game, and this is something we like to do.

"Some kids like it, some don't. But at least we're all together. I think the overall benefit is good.

"When we come back to school after eating, there's certain things we do yet before the game," he said. "We look at films of the team we're maybe playing that night. And then we might show 'em some NFL football follies to relax a little bit. We'll go over things in a casual way. By game time, everybody is ready to play."

Griffith's top two quarterbacks, senior Alex Djukic (knee) and junior Don Wasserman (back), practiced Tuesday.

"Wasserman will ready to play, but I don't know yet about Djukic," Thornton said. "Djukic practiced with a knee brace on today; he didn't practice Monday. He's certainly not 100 percent. I'm not sure if he'll be able to play, said Thornton. A Griffith assistant coach said Thursday that Djukic is not expected to play.

"Wasserman is wearing a back brace, but he's looking OK for Friday night."

Djukic has passed for 575 yards and eight touchdowns and has gained 224 yards and with five rushing TDs.

Wasserman has completed 11 of 23 passes for 166 yards with two touchdowns. He has rushed for 226 yards and four TDs.

If both are unable to play, the Panthers would start Scott Sherry at quarterback. The sophomore has completed 2 of 8 passes for 74 yards and one touchdown.

"The quarterback situation is our main concern now, but there isn't a thing I can do about it," Thornton said. "We've got a game to play, and we'll go with whoever is most healthy.

"But with the exception of quarterback, we're about as healthy as we've been all year. We're in pretty good shape."

Griffith's wishbone attack also involves halfbacks Clint Lamb (713 yards rushing, 11 touchdowns) and Tim Garvey (411 yards, four TDs), and fullback Nick Mathews (701 yards, seven TDs).

"Griffith's wishbone presents a tremendous challenge for our defense to stop," St. Joseph's second-year coach Frank Amato said. "(Nick) Mathews is an excellent fullback, and he's complemented well by (Clint) Lamb and (Tim) Garvey."

St. Joseph's advanced with a 24-21 overtime win over Culver Military last Friday in a Sectional 18 final. Culver Military, like Griffith, also runs a wishbone offense.

"We had been allowing only about eight points a game," Amato said. "But our defense took a setback against Culver Military. We have to do a better job against Griffith.

"Offensively, we like to run the option, too. And Griffith's defense presents a great concern. They don't give up the big play. They force you to drive the ball over the long haul. We've got to find a way to get in close and make things happen."

Tailback Tom Scott, quarterback Jeff Gruber and fullback Eric DeCrane lead the Indians.

"We've learned a lot about Griffith this past week," Amato said. "They're a very well-disciplined team with great personnel. They have the potential to really stick it to us.

"But we're excited about the game. We'll be ready to play."

Regional qualifiers' records

CLASS 5A

No. 2 Lake Central

- RECORD 11-0
- POINTS SCORED 336
- OPPONENTS' POINTS 74
- REGULAR SEASON

Opponent	Result
East Chicago	W 27- 0
Crown Point	W 3- 0
Calumet	W 43- 0
Portage	W 35-12
Highland	W 35- 8
Griffith	W 29- 0
Lowell	W 50- 0
Munster	W 29-12

- SECTIONAL 1

Opponent	Result
Merrillville	W 28-10
Gary West	W 19-18
Championship	
Crown Point	W 38-14

Mishawaka

- RECORD 9-2
- POINTS SCORED 243
- OPPONENTS' POINTS 93
- REGULAR SEASON

Opponent	Result
Mishawaka Marian	W 27- 0
Penn	L 24- 7
S.B. LaSalle	W 28- 0
Elkhart Memorial	W 40- 0
M.C. Elston	W 31- 0
Elkhart Central	W 16-13
S.B. Washington	L 20-10
S.B. Riley	W 26-13

- SECTIONAL 2

Opponent	Result
S.B. Riley	W 35- 6
M.C. Rogers	W 7- 3
Championship	
Valparaiso	W 16-14

CLASS 4A

No. 1 Hobart

- RECORD 11-0
- POINTS SCORED 387
- OPPONENTS' POINTS 95
- REGULAR SEASON

Opponent	Result
Gary Wallace	W 29- 6
Valparaiso	W 34- 6
Andrean	W 31-14
LaPorte	W 46- 3
Chesterton	W 49- 6
Portage	W 24-14
Merrillville	W 19-13
M.C. Rogers	W 49- 0

- SECTIONAL 10

Opponent	Result
Goshen	W 47- 7
Concord	W 38-15
Championship	
S.B. Washington	W 21-11

No. 3 Andrean

- RECORD 10-1
- POINTS SCORED 308
- OPPONENTS' POINTS 122
- REGULAR SEASON

Opponent	Result
Hammond Noll	W 30-14
Gary Wirt	W 35-18
Hobart	L 31-14
Gary Mann	W 51- 0
Ind. Howe	W 29-13
Merrillville	W 3- 0
Chesterton	W 17- 0
Gary Wallace	W 13- 6

- SECTIONAL 9

Opponent	Result
Lowell	W 41- 0
Highland (4 OTs)	W 47-40
Championship	
Calumet	W 28- 0

CLASS 3A

No. 8 Griffith

- RECORD 9-2
- POINTS SCORED 335
- OPPONENTS' POINTS 94
- REGULAR SEASON

Opponent	Result
Gary Mann	W 44- 0
Lowell	W 42- 6
Munster	W 28- 6
Crown Point	L 14-12
Calumet	W 36- 0
Lake Central	L 29- 0
Highland	W 28-14
Kankakee Valley	W 35- 7

- SECTIONAL 17

Opponent	Result
Benton Central	W 42- 0
Hammond Noll	W 40-12
Championship	
Hammond Gavit	W 28- 6

No. 10 S.B. St. Joe

- RECORD 9-2
- POINTS SCORED 239
- OPPONENTS' POINTS 79
- REGULAR SEASON

Opponent	Result
S.B. Adams	W 29- 6
Goshen	W 27- 3
Warsaw	W 29- 7
Plymouth	W 42- 7
LaPorte	W 10- 7
Dowagiac, Mich.	L 7- 0
Mishawaka Marian	W 43- 7
Gary West	L 8- 7

- SECTIONAL 18

Opponent	Result
Drew a bye in the first round	
NorthWood	W 28- 6
Championship	
Culver Military (OT)	W 24-21

CLASS 2A

River Forest

- RECORD 9-2
- POINTS SCORED 270
- OPPONENTS' POINTS 105
- REGULAR SEASON

Opponent	Result
Whiting	W 32-20
Kankakee Valley	W 20- 0
Lake Station	L 12- 0
South Central	W 19- 0
North Newton	W 41- 0
Rensselaer	W 22- 0
North Judson	W 27-20
Momence, Ill.	L 25-13

- SECTIONAL 25

Opponent	Result
North Newton	W 39- 6
Lake Station	W 32- 6
Championship	
Rensselaer	W 25-16

F.W. Luers

- RECORD 7-4
- POINTS SCORED 241
- OPPONENTS' POINTS 140
- REGULAR SEASON

Opponent	Result
F.W. South	L 21- 7
F.W. Northrop	L 19- 0
F.W. Elmhurst	W 27- 0
F.W. Harding	W 24-14
Mishawaka Marian	W 34- 6
F.W. Dwenger	L 21- 0
F.W. Wayne	L 19- 0
F.W. Concordia	W 25- 0

- SECTIONAL 26

Opponent	Result
Eastside	W 28-14
Garrett	W 41- 6
Championship	
West Noble	W 55-20

St. Joe effective plugging the gaps

By CURT RALLO
Tribune Sports Writer

Unfortunately, St. Joseph's High School's football injury list reads like an all-star team.

Defensive back Chad Hurley, nose guard Kevin Downey, linebackers Craig Wasoski and Tim Trenerry won't be in the heat of battle for St. Joe Friday night when the Indians take on Griffith in Class 3-A regional action.

St. Joe (8-2) and Griffith (9-2) meet at Griffith. The Indians' road warriors will be playing their third game in three playoff outings on the road.

Fortunately for St. Joe, the Indians have had players step up to the forefront and keep the Indians on the warpath.

St. Joe's defense has been exceptional this season. The Indians' two losses were 8-7 to Gary West and 7-0 to Dowagiac.

St. Joe defeated Culver Military, 24-21, in overtime last Friday for the sectional championship. It was the first time in two seasons that the Indians have given up more than two touchdowns in one game.

"Our kids swarm to the ball," said St. Joe coach Frank Amato of his team's outstanding defense. "You'll see 11 white helmets on the football.

"We play a team concept on defense," Amato continued. "That's why we play the 50.

"If one guy doesn't do his job, then we have a breakdown," Amato said. "We don't have any stars. We just have 11 kids who believe in themselves and believe in the system."

St. Joe's down linemen include Eric DeCraene, Scott Mickow, Joe DeCola, Loren Veldman and Dean Skwarkan.

Linebackers for the Tribe are Mark Custer and Ryan McGowan.

St. Joe's deep backs are Tom Scott, Troy Hibbs, Joe Miller and Greg Kromkowski.

"The kids have done what has had to be done," said Amato. "They showed a lot of character Friday night.

"We were down, 14-0, in the first quarter, but nobody panicked. Nobody lost their composure or pushed the panic button."

Amato is proud of his defense.

"The defense doesn't get the credit it deserves," said Amato. "We don't have fancy nicknames. We just take pride in what we do and get the job done.

"The kids are intelligent, and they have great reaction," said Amato. "Plus, the coaches have done a nice job with them, John Schweickert, Joe Dolniak and Andy Strati."

Friday night at Griffith, St. Joe will face a rugged task.

"I know a lot of people I've talked to in the region don't give us much of a chance against Griffith," Amato said. "Griffith is bigger than us, and they play a rough schedule.

"But I wouldn't take us lightly," Amato said. "We're a smaller team, and we don't have their stats and credentials, but we're ready to play football.

"I really want this game for the kids," Amato continued. "They've sacrificed up a lot and set the tone in school as very as being role models.

"I have had very little problems dealing with these kids, very little problems," Amato said. "You don't see any infighting or jealousy."



AMATO

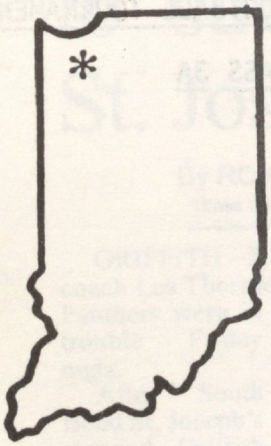


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GRIFFITH (9-2) VS. ST. JOSEPH'S (8-2)

- **What:** Class 3-A regional.
- **When:** 8 p.m. Friday.
- **Where:** Griffith H.S.
- **Griffith strengths:** An explosive offense; a strong offensive line; a disciplined defense; a team conditioned by playing a rough schedule.
- **St. Joseph's strengths:** Exceptional team defense that features Eric DeCraene, Scott Mickow and Joe Miller; a running game that features Tom Scott and quarterback Jeff Gruber; a hard-working offensive front line that includes Joe DeCola; placekicker Loren Veldman, who also plays a major role for the Tribe at defensive end and running back.
- **Griffith concerns:** St. Joe's running game; attacking the Indians' defense.
- **St. Joseph's concerns:** Griffith's size advantage; a defense that has proven tough to run against.
- **Game plans:** Coach Frank Amato's St. Joe Indians must control the offensive tempo. The Tribe can't turn the ball over and must avoid penalties. The Indians will have to keep from falling for the fake run on the play-action passes. Griffith will try to test St. Joe's defense by establishing its running game behind its sizeable front line. The Panthers hope to spring the big play on St. Joe.

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GRIFFITH "PANTHERS"

VS.

SECTIONAL 18 CHAMPIONS

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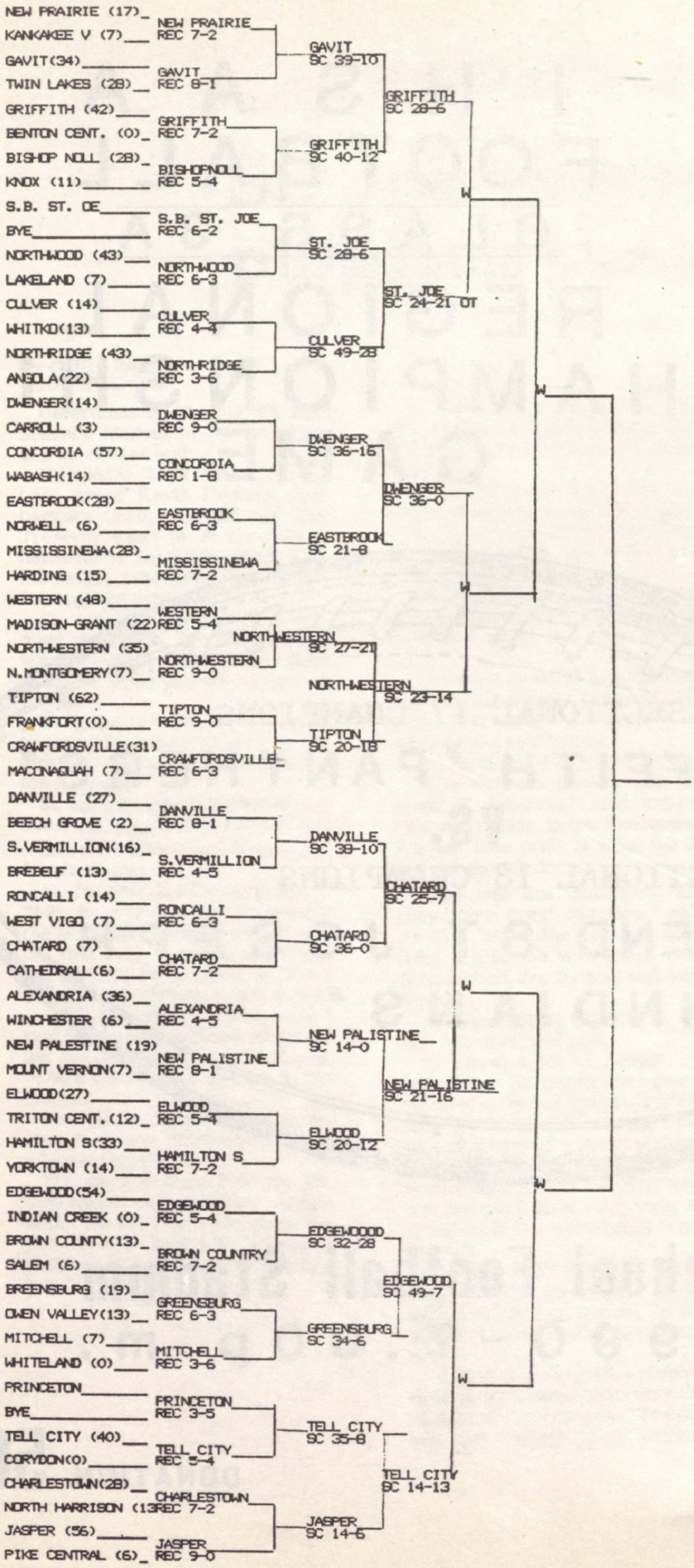
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CLASS 3A



Griffith falls to 'stronger' St. Joseph's

By RON BROW
Times Sports Editor

GRIFFITH – It didn't take Griffith coach Les Thornton long to know his Panthers were in trouble Friday night.

Class 3A Regional

After South Bend St. Joseph's stopped Griffith on its first possession, the Indians marched 73 yards in 12 plays to take a quick 7-0 lead. It was just the beginning as the 10th-ranked Indians rolled over the eighth-ranked Panthers 35-6 to capture Class 3A regional honors.

"Once they got up on us, they got stronger and stronger," Thornton said. "Our first two series were bad and we never got untracked."

As far as South Bend coach Frank Amato was concerned, his Indians met the challenge.

"Our kids came out and played to their abilities," Amato said. "They were ready to play tonight. There was no secret magic."

The Panthers (8-3) were forced to punt on each of their first two possessions. St. Joseph's went 62 yards in 10 plays on its second possession to take a 14-0 lead.

"I thought they were a very well-disciplined team and they would keep coming at you," Thornton said. "I was a little concerned with their quickness and running the option and they did run the option well.

"But I didn't think they'd manhandle us like that and their line really manhandled us early in the game."

"We couldn't get anything going," senior fullback Nick Mathews said. "We never got our momentum up. We did terrible. We didn't play the way we should have."

South Bend's option attack accounted for 271 yards rushing with senior Loren Veldman leading with 93 yards in 17 carries and four touchdowns. He also kicked all five extra points for the Indians (9-2).

"I thought we had to stop 34 (Tom Scott) and the quarterback (Jeff Gruber)," Thornton said. "They've changed their personnel a little bit."

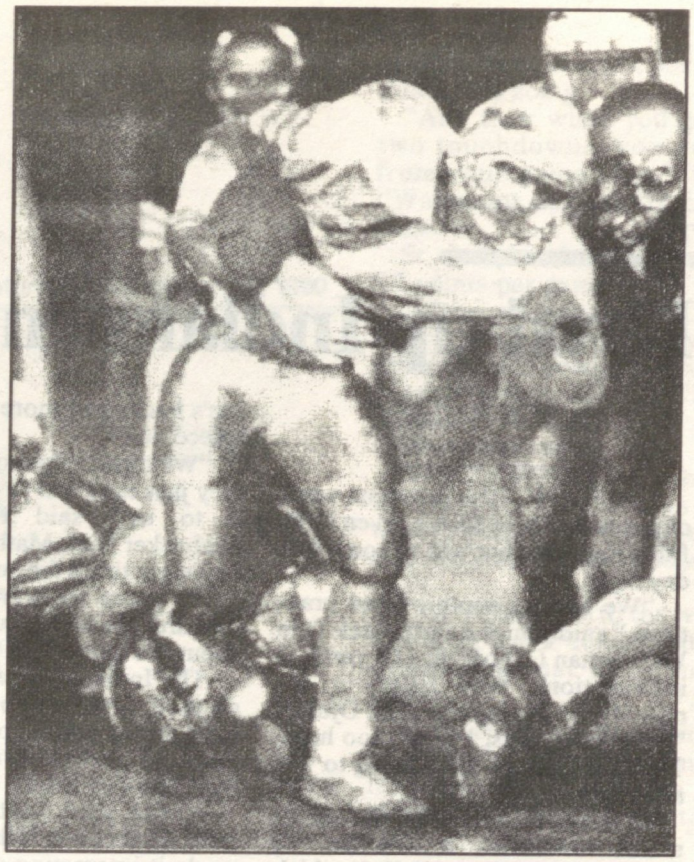
Gruber carried 12 times for 86 yards and one touchdown and Scott added 70 yards in 16 carries.

Griffith got its offense untracked just before the half as the Panthers went 47 yards in eight plays with Mathews scoring from the one with 27 seconds to play. But Scott Sutton's conversion kick sailed wide to the left and the Panthers went into the half trailing 14-6.

South Bend's offense picked up right where it left off in the first half by going 44 yards in five plays with Veldman scoring from the 18 with 9:29 left. The Indians made it 28-6 just over four minutes later when Veldman scored from the one after Griffith had given up the ball on downs at its own 24.

"We didn't establish ourself on our first possession and we were kind of bungling around the rest of the game," Thornton said. "We just never got untracked. When you get down two touchdowns, you change your game plan."

South Bend St. Joseph's returns home to host Fort Wayne Dwenger in semistate play next weekend. Dwenger routed Northwestern 41-7 Friday night.



Times photo by Paul Warner

South Bend St. Joseph's running back Tom Scott (34) breaks through the Griffith line Friday night.

	SBSJ	GRIF
Net Yards Rushing	271	50
Net Yards Passing	29	118
Total yards gained	300	168
First downs	19	9
Passes att/comp/int	3/2/0	16/10/1
Punts/avg.	2/32	4/39.5
Penalties/yards	5/37	3/15
Fumbles/lost	0/0	2/0

SCORING BY QUARTERS

SOUTH BEND ST. JOSEPH'S	7	7	14	7	–35
GRIFFITH	0	6	0	0	–6

INDIVIDUAL SCORING

SB – Jeff Gruber, 1 run (Loren Veldman kick).
SB – Veldman, 1 run (Veldman kick).
G – Nick Mathews, 1 run (kick failed).
SB – Veldman, 18 run (Veldman kick).
SB – Veldman, 1 run (Veldman kick).
SB – Veldman, 7 run (Veldman kick).

Friday's regional football

■ CLASS 5A

#2 Lake Central	24
Mishawaka	0

■ CLASS 4A

#1 Hobart	14
#3 Andrean	13

■ CLASS 3A

#10 S.B. St. Joseph's	35
#8 Griffith	6

■ CLASS 2A

River Forest	15
Fort Wayne Luers	12

The Times

Fired-up Indians end Panther season

By BOB RECZEK
Times Correspondent

GRIFFITH –The previous week of practices should have given Griffith a feel for what was to come Friday night.

"We had a couple of bad practices," said junior quarterback Don Wasserman (10-of-16, 118 yards, 1 interception), who filled in admirably for the injured Alex Djukic. "Everybody was, I think, too high. They thought we were going to win too easily."

Instead, as some of his teammates concurred, it was No. 10 South Bend St. Joseph's (9-2) which came into Griffith fired up and leveled the eighth-ranked Panthers 35-6 in a Class 3A regional title game.

"It didn't seem like we were ready at all to play," said two-way tackle John Verbich.

"They played the way we practiced them. I didn't think they were going to be that good. They didn't seem that big. But they were good."

And then some as the final numbers suggest.

The Indians amassed 300 yards, dominating the clock with 271 of them on the ground. Griffith (9–3) mustered 168 total yards, but its usually potent running attack was limited to just 50 yards. Three of St. Joe's backs had more than 70 yards apiece.

"We didn't come out to play and they just came out to play and stuck it to us," said fullback/inside linebacker Nick Mathews, who carried eight times for only 14 yards.

"I guess we were just looking forward, ahead. We weren't thinking about this game."

The Indians scored touchdowns on their first two possessions with long drives while holding the Panthers to three-downs-and-out on their first two tries.

A one-yard Mathews TD run with 27 seconds left until halftime made it interesting at 14-6, but St. Joseph opened the second half like it did the first, reaching paydirt on its first two possessions to seal the coffin.

"A couple of practices weren't very good this week I didn't think," said Griffith coach Les Thornton, who was bidding to win his first regional championship in three tries.

"We had one good practice I thought. You see we had a problem because we didn't know what our quarterback situation was going to be. We had both of them hurt."

Wasserman was playing despite a broken bone in his back. He protected the area with a brace. Djukic, meanwhile, was on the sidelines with an injured knee.

St. Joseph coach Frank Amato, who will now get his team ready for a semistate clash next weekend in South Bend against Fort Wayne Dwenger – a 41-7 winner over Northwestern – ironically also walked away from practices this week with a bad feeling. He worried for nothing.

"If you would have talked to me Thursday, I was not a real happy individual," Amato said.

"But the kids kept saying bad Thursday practice, coach, means good game on Friday. I said you better because I was not very happy."

Unfortunately for Griffith, the Panthers may have saved their worst performance for last.

But still, Thornton was pleased with the season overall, saying one bad game did not the entire year make.

"We think –and my staff will tell you this – that we got a hell of a lot out of what we've got," he said. "Not just this year but other years, too.

"We think we got a lot out of our line which wasn't all that talented. But we had some talented backs.

"I think it was a good year for us. A good year for us, a good year for the kids."

Griffith reaches end of the line

Saturday, November 10, 1990

By Jeff Foss
Correspondent

Post-Tribune

GRIFFITH — Get the eraser out. Griffith is gone.

The 8th-ranked Panthers were eliminated by No. 10 South Bend St. Joseph's 35-6 in the Class 3A regional championship game.

Tailback Loren Veldman rushed for four touchdowns and kicked five conversion points to power the Indians to a surprisingly easy victory.

Veldman gained 98 yards in 17 carries. He was backed by Tom Scott, 74 yards in 17 attempts; and quarterback Jeff Gruber, 80 yards in 10 carries.

"I thought they (Indians) were a very well disciplined team, that they would keep coming at you," Griffith coach Les Thornton said. "I saw that in the films.

"I was concerned about their quickness and their ability to run the option. But I didn't think they would manhandle us.

"Once they got up on us, they just got stronger and stronger. They stayed basic, and really put the hammer to us.

"Our first two series were bad, and we just never got on track after that."

St. Joseph's outrushed Griffith 276-48, and held the Panthers to seven first downs.

Griffith (9-3) did not have a first down in the first or third quarters. St. Joseph's (9-2) scored on its first two possessions and dominated the time of possession, 32-16 minutes.

The Panthers played without starting quarterback Alex Djukic, who was sidelined with a knee injury. Junior Don Wasserman, who started at quarterback despite a back injury, completed 10 of 16 passes for 119 yards.

"We had a couple of practices this week that weren't very good," Thornton said. "I don't think we had a good practice.

"We had problems because we didn't know what our quarterback situation was going to be. Both of our quarterbacks were hurt. They were in therapy this week.

"Don Wasserman ... he was fitted with a big back brace this week. He's got a broken bone in his back. It's a pretty touchy thing.

"Djukic? There was no way he was going to play. He was in therapy all day today. He wanted to play, but he just didn't have the range of motion.

"But I think not knowing who was going to quarterback the team, it really hurt us in preparation for this one. The kids didn't even know who was going to start."

St. Joseph's, following a Griffith punt, marched 73 yards in 12 plays for its first of five touchdowns.

Quarterback Jeff Gruber sneaked in from one yard out to cap the first-quarter scoring drive, which lasted nearly seven minutes.

Later, in the second quarter, Veldman added a 1-yard touchdown run and kicked the conversion to give St. Joe's a 14-0 lead.

Griffith scored its lone touchdown with just 27 seconds remaining in the half on a 1-yard run by fullback Nick Mathews.

Veldman scored three more touchdowns in the second half on runs of 18, 1 and 7 yards.

Griffith, which had averaged more than 250 rushing yards a game, was held to minus 13 yards in the second half.

"We didn't establish ourself on our first drive, and then we seemed to be just bungling around the rest of the game," Thornton said. "And they were really putting it to us, too.

"We just never got on track. It's obvious. We never got our fullback (Mathews) going.

"And then when you get down two touchdowns, you get away from your game plan," he said. "We're not a come-from-behind team."

St. Joesph's defense has allowed 7.7 points per game.

"We're an option team. So our kids see the option every day in practice," St. Joseph's second-year coach Frank Amato said. "Plus, we played a wishbone team (Culver Military) last week.

"From a preparation standpoint, we corrected the things we did wrong against Culver, and adjusted and adapted to our opponent this week.

"The adjustment to the wishbone was not a major adjustment. It was something just built into our system."

St. Joseph's, however, did adjust its offensive lineup, moving Scott from tailback to fullback and inserting Veldman at the tailback spot.

"Loren (Veldman) just started playing tailback in the tournament," Amato said. "We lost a good runner to a knee injury, so we experimented with some other running backs.

"Veldman seemed to fit the spot best because of his quickness. Scott and Veldman in the backfield meshed real well for us. And as long as the quarterback (Gruber) makes his reads, we're fine."

Griffith was denied its first regional title.

"We've won some sectionals, and it would've been nice to win a regional and go further," Thornton said. "We think — and my coaching staff will agree — that we got a heck of a lot of mileage out of these kids. Not just this year, but other years too.

"Overall, it was a good year for us and a good year for our kids. We're disappointed. But the better team won."

ST. JOSEPH'S	7	7	14	7	—35
GRIFFITH	0	6	0	0	—6

SCORING

SJ — Gruber 1 run (Veldman kick)
SJ — Veldman 1 run (Veldman kick)
G — Mathews 1 run (kick failed)
SJ — Veldman 18 run (Veldman kick)
SJ — Veldman 1 run (Veldman kick)
SJ — Veldman 7 run (Veldman kick)

STATISTICS

	SJ	G
First downs	14	7
Yards rushing	276	48
Yards passing	29	119
Passes	2-3	10-16
Intercepted by	1	0
Punts — avg. yards	2-32.5	4-39.7
Fumbles — lost	1-0	1-0
Penalties — yards	5-36	2-10

Prep Football Ticker

Class 5A Regional

Lake Central 24, Mishawaka 0

Class 4A Regional

Hobart 14, Andrean 13

Class 3A Regional

S.B. St. Joseph's 35, Griffith 6

Class 2A Regional

River Forest 15, Fort Wayne Luers 12

Semistate Pairings

Class 5A

Lake Central at Marion

Class 4A

Hobart at Lafayette Harrison

Class 3A

Fort Wayne Dwenger at St. Joseph's

Class 2A

River Forest at West Lafayette



Dave Bartman/staff photographer

Griffith's Jim Crosek catches a pass for a short gain Friday night.

St. Joe takes title at Griffith

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By DAVE ANSON
Tribune Sports Writer

GRIFFITH — St. Joseph's moved one game away from a trip to the Hoosier Dome with a 35-6 victory over Griffith in the Class 3-A Regional championship game Friday night at No. 8 Griffith.

The No. 10-ranked Indians dominated the ground game with senior Loren Veldman scoring four touchdowns, including two off the option from senior quarterback Jeff Gruber.

The Indians earned the right to host top-ranked and undefeated Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger, a 41-7 winner over Fort Wayne North, next Friday in the Northern Semi-state. This is the first regional title for St. Joe since 1983.

"Our kids just came out and played to their ability," St. Joe coach Frank Amato said. "There was no magic — we just did what we have been doing all year long."

One thing the Indians didn't do — in a positive change — was turn the ball over.

Last week against Culver Military Academy, St. Joe lost two fumbles in the first period and dug a 14-0 hole.

"We talked a lot about handling the ball this week," Amato said. "One of the advantages for us was the lousy weather we had in South Bend all week. We figured if we could hold on to a wet ball on our rock-piled practice field, we could keep it off the ground tonight."

St. Joe scored on its first two possessions while the Indians' defense held Griffith to just eight plays, two of which were punts, its first two series, to jump to a 14-0 lead.

Tom Scott opened the scoring with a one-yard plunge, capping a 73-yard 12-play drive that consumed close to seven minutes. Veldman made it 14-0, capping off a 10-play, 63-yard drive early in the second quarter.

The Panthers moved to 14-6 on a nine-play, 53-yard drive. Nick Matthews pushed the ball in from the 1. The Indians nearly made a goal-line stand but an offsides penalty pushed the ball close enough for Matthews to go over the left side for the score.

"I've been telling people all along that our defense is underrated. Matthews is one of the hardest runners we've faced and (Clint) Lamb and (Tim) Garvey were very quick."

St. Joe opened the second half with a score on the opening possession. Veldman found a hole on the right side of the line and went untouched 18 yards into the end zone.

Then, disaster struck for the Panthers.

On its opening series, Griffith went for a fake punt, but the snap was mishandled, giving the ball to the Indians at the Panthers 24. Five plays later, Veldman scored from the 1, to make it 28-6.

Veldman, rushing for 99 yards on 17 carries behind a strong St. Joe line, led the ground attack. He capped the scoring with an eight-yard touchdown run off the option from Gruber.

Gruber also had a fine ground performance, rushing for 82 yards on nine carries. He hit two of the three pass attempts.

"I think you have to put a lot of emphasis on our offensive line tonight," Gruber said. "It's easy to run a triple option when the line does what they did tonight and that's total dominance.

"It's really a fun play to run. I don't think I could be a quarterback if we didn't run the option. I like to get involved and when it's going well it makes it fun for the whole team."

The offensive line of center Tim Taberski, guards Andy Jankowski and John Scheu, tackles Shannon Rush and Joe DeCola and end John Steinhofer opened the holes for 271 rushing yards.

The defense simply took charge of the Griffith ground attack in the second half.

The Panthers gained 59 yards in the first half but was limited to a minus-11 rushing in the second half.

Panthers quarterback Don Wasserman did find success in the air in the second half. Wasserman hit 10-of-15 passes for the game, including 7-for-11 in the second half for a 100-yard performance.

Griffith threatened to score late in the contest but defensive back Joe Miller intercepted Wasserman's pass at the St. Joe 17 and returned it 40 yards before being pushed out of bounds with less than a minute remaining.

"Our first two series were bad and we just never got back on track," Griffith coach Les Thornton said. "We had a big gain on the game's first play but, from then on, we were playing catchup ball.

"I didn't think their line would manhandle us like the did. They got out to an early lead and got stronger and stronger."

"I know it's a cliche, but we're back to being 0-0," Amato said. "We definitely have to work on our pass coverage and our pass rush and we have to adapt better than we did tonight. But to look ahead to next week at this time ... there is no way. I have tunnel vision. We have to go one game at a time. I'm not that smart."

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S—Veldman 8 run (Veldman kick).

Officials — Referee, Jim Cox; Umpire, Dick Miller; Linesman, Mike Crouch; Line Judge, Brent Dawes; Back Judge, Tom Schenkel.

STATISTICS

	St. Joseph's	Griffith
First downs	15	8
Yards rushing	271	48
Yards passing	29	100
Passing	2-3-0	10-15-1
Punting	2-33	3-38
Fumbles lost	0	0
Yards penalized	40	15

Prep Football

St. Joseph's shuts down Griffith wishbone

By RON BROW
Times Sports Editor

GRIFFITH – One of the reasons for Griffith's success this football season was its wishbone running attack.

The Panthers had averaged 250.8 yards rushing per game in reaching the regional round of the state playoffs for the third time. But South Bend St. Joseph's, although concerned, didn't fear the trio of Nick Mathews, Clint Lamb and Tim Garvey.

"We're an option team and so our kids see option at practice every day," South Bend coach Frank Amato said. "As a matter of fact, I was upset about the way we weren't able to contain the corner in the first half.

"Plus we played a wishbone team last week in Culver (Military Academy) so from a preparation standpoint we just saw the things we did wrong against Culver and we adjusted it for this week."

The 10th-ranked Indians allowed Griffith just 50 yards on the ground in taking a 35–6 victory Friday night.

"Our defense has been underrated all season," Amato said.

St. Joseph's hadn't given up more than eight points in a game all season until defeating Culver Military Academy in the sectional title game. So Griffith coach Les Thornton knew his Panthers were in real trouble when South Bend scored on its first possession of the second half to make it 21-6.

"Their third touchdown put the game away," Thornton said. "We had a lot of things go wrong for us, but I thought we had a chance when we scored just before the half to make it 14-6."

Griffith's touchdown, on a 1-yard run by Mathews with 27 seconds left in the first half, did keep the Panthers in the game.

But South Bend scored on its first two possessions of the second half, the second after Mathews was dropped for a two-yard loss on a fourth and one from Griffith's 25.

Senior Loren Veldman scored four touchdowns and kicked five extra points to lead South Bend past Griffith.

He also rushed for 83 yards in 17 carries with quarterback Jeff Gruber adding 86 yards in 12 carries and Tom Scott picking up 70 yards in 16 carries.

Junior quarterback Don Wasserman, playing in place of the injured Alex Djukic, completed 10 of 16 passes for 118 yards for Griffith (9-3).

Down and out



Photo by Joe Negrich

Two South Bend St. Joseph defenders zero in on Griffith's Nick Matthews.

At last, Panthers' wishbone breaks

By David Hendrix

Griffith's wishbone offense was broken in half Friday night. And the Panthers didn't get the lucky half.

South Bend St. Joseph (10-2) moved to the class 3A final four in a 35-6 romp over the Panthers at Griffith Stadium. The tenth-ranked Indians will go on to face top-ranked Fort Wayne Dwenger for the semi-state title.

Griffith's speedy backfield, which had averaged over 250 yards per game, was held to 48 net rushing yards. The Indians, by comparison, rushed

The St. Joseph defense has allowed an average of only 7.7 points per game.

Senior quarterback Alex Djukic did not play due to a knee injury sustained in the sectional title game against Hammond Gavit, and was again replaced by junior Don Wasserman. The Griffith offense switched to a more pass-oriented format with Wasserman at the helm, and he completed 10 of 16 tosses for 119 yards despite a back injury.

His most effective receiver was senior halfback Clint Lamb, who caught three passes for 59 yards. Jim Crosek caught three for 24 yards, tight end Neil Miklusak received two for 17 yards, split end Mike Bell received one for seven yards, and fullback Nick Matthews caught one for 12. Matthews also scored the Panthers' lone touchdown on a one-yard draw with under a minute to play in the first half.

St. Joseph's rushing onslaught was led by senior tailback Loren Veldman, who carried 17 times for 98 yards and four touchdowns. Thousand-yarder Tom Scott at fullback rushed 17 times for 74 yards. Senior quarterback Jeff Gruber picked up 80 yards and a touchdown on ten option runs.

"I thought they were a very well-disciplined team," said Griffith head coach Les Thornton. "I didn't think they'd manhandle us like that."...We had a couple practices that weren't very good this week. We had a problem because we didn't know what our quarterback situation was going to be... both of them were in therapy all week. We've got Wasserman in a big back brace...he's got a broken bone in his back.

"It's a pretty touchy thing...I think not knowing who was going to quarterback the team, it really hurt us in preparation for this one."

"There was no secret magic. We did what we've been doing all year," said St. Joseph head coach Frank Amato. "We're an option team... the adjustment to the wishbone was not a major adjustment. It was something just built into our system."

St. Joseph adjusted well to Griffith's wishbone. The Panthers were stuffed for minus 13 rushing yards in the second half.

"I think it's what they did and what we didn't do," Thornton said. "...We just never got ourselves on track."

Griffith, who had veen ranked #8 3A coming into Friday's contest, ended their season with a 9-3 record and their third sectional championship. They still have yet to claim a regional trophy.

"We've won some sectionals, and it would've been nice to win a regional and go further...Overall, I think it was a good year for us and our kids," Thornton said. "I feel like we got a lot out of the ability we had this year."

And of the Griffith faithful, who braved frigid weather to witness the defeat, and gave the Panthers a standing ovation as they left the field, Thornton had this to say: "They're pretty darn good fans...We have a solid core of fans who are there even when we lose... They're pretty patient."

Lake Central advances; Griffith falls

Last Friday night provided much joy for one area team, while for another it wasn't much fun.



by R.W. Hugus
Sports Writer

FOOTBALL

In a Class 5A regional playoff game, Lake Central romped to a victory to advance to a spot in the semi-state playoffs, while Griffith fell in its Class 3A contest to end the season.

The Indians came into Friday night's game ranked second in the state in their class, and had little trouble with Mishawaka in a 24-0 rout. Mishawaka came into the game with a 9-2 record, but its offense was non-existent against the Lake Central defense.

The Lake Central defense held Mishawaka to statistics that are unbelievable in regional play. The Cavemen could manage only three first downs, a mere four yards rushing, 33 yards passing on three of 13 attempts, and had one pass intercepted.

Maybe this shouldn't come as a surprise as Lake Central had given up only 74 points in 11 games for a 6.7 average per game.

On the other hand, the Lake Central offense piled up some big yardage despite attempting only two passes and completing one for six yards. It was the running game that powered the Indians as they rolled for 331 yards on the ground despite fumbling twice, and losing 75 yards in penalties.

Joe Ercus started the Indian scoring with a four-yard run, and the score moved to 8-0 when holder Scott Schwartz tossed a two-point completion pass to Marc Donsbach in the first quarter.

Lake Central scored once in every quarter and in the second it was Jeremy Baugh putting points on the board as he ran the ball in from the 10-yard line. The score then stood at 14-0 at the half as the kick for the point after failed.

In the third quarter, the Indians moved the score to 17-0 as Matt Gelon connected on a 24-yard field goal.

Lake Central capped off the scoring in the fourth quarter when Jeff Stephens ran the ball in from the 11 yard line, and Gelon added the extra point.

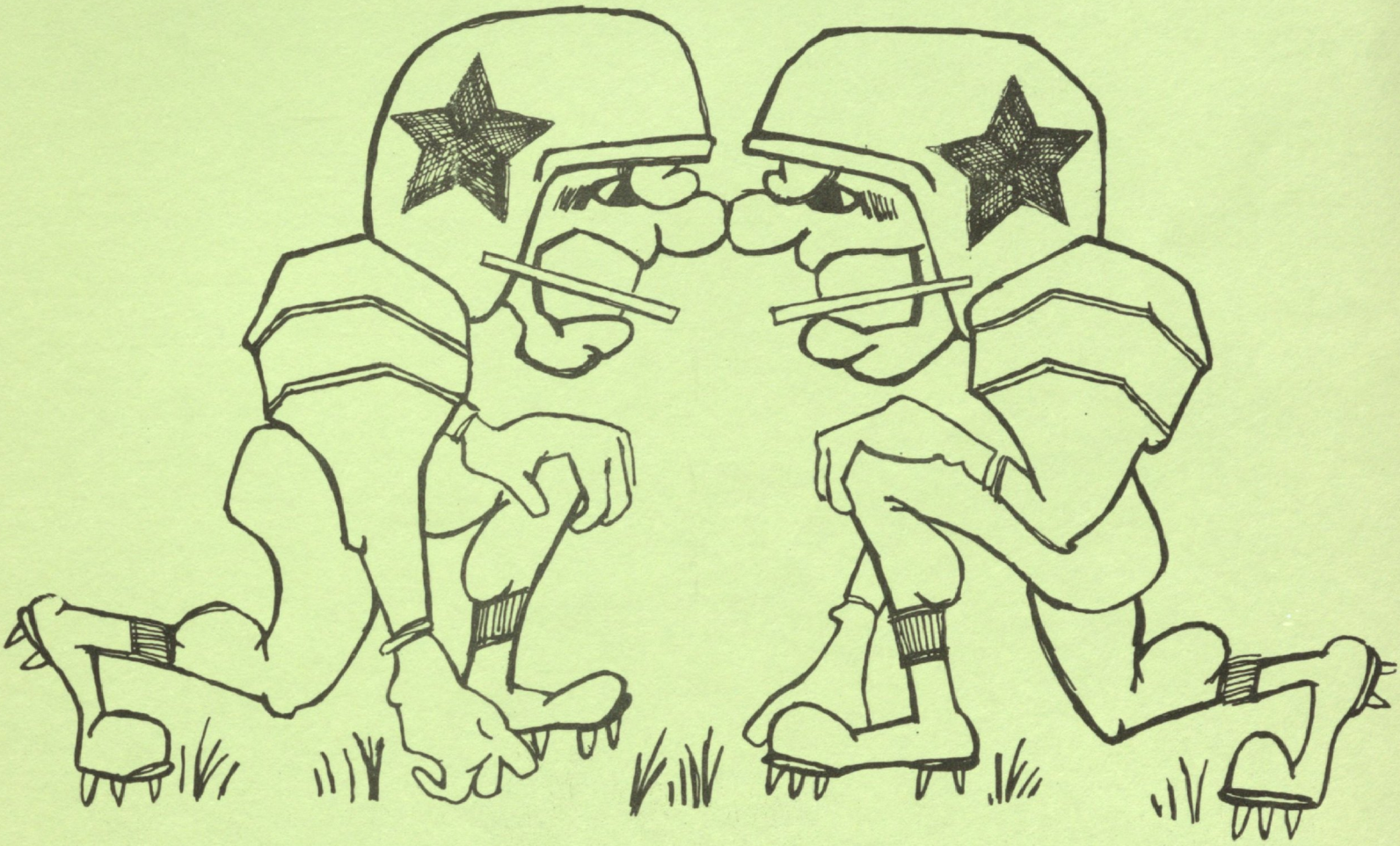
The news from Griffith wasn't as good Friday night as the Panthers fell to South Bend St. Joseph, 35-6.

Griffith, who came into the game with a 9-3 record, was held to only 48 yards on the ground, while they did manage 119 yards through the air on 10 completions on 16 attempts.

Nick Mathews scored the one Griffith touchdown on a one-yard run in the second quarter to narrow the score to 14-6, but the kick for the point after failed.

Lake Central is now the only area team left in playoff competition and will take the 12-0 record to Marion Friday night. Marion also comes into the game with a 12-0 record, and is ranked number four in the state. The winner moves on to the Hoosier Dome for the opportunity to play for the state championship.

POST SEASON



GRIFFITH FOOTBALL TEAM RECORDS 1990

VARSITY WON	LOSS		SCORE	VARSITY SCHOOL	OPP.SCORE
1	0		44	HORACE MANN	0
1	0		42	LOWELL	6
1	0		28	MUNSTER	6
0	1		12	CROWN POINT	14
1	0		36	CALUMET	0
0	1		0	LAKE CENTRAL	29
0	1		28	HIGHLAND	14
1	0		35	KANKAKEE VALLEY	7

REGULAR SEASON WON	LOSS	VARSITY SCORE	OPP.SCORE
6	2	225	76

PLAYOFF RECORDS

SECTIONALS RECORDS WON	LOSS	SCORE	SCHOOL	OPP.SCORE
1	0	42	BENTON CENTRAL	0
1	0	40	BISHOP NOLL	12
1	0	28	GAVIT	6
TOTAL WIN	LOSS	TOTAL		TOTAL
3	0	110		18

REGIIONAL SCORE WON	LOSS	SCORE	SCHOOL	OPP.SCORE
0	1	6	S.B.ST. JOSEPH	35

TOURNAMENT WIN	LOSS	TOURNAMENT TOTAL	TOURNAMEN TOTAL
3	1	116	53

SEASON TOTAL	SEASON VARSITY	POINTS	SEASON OPP. POIN
9	3	341	129

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EOG = END OF GAME
EOH = END OF HALF
FG = FIELD GOAL
NG = NO GOOD
INT = INTERCEPTION
FUM = FUMBLE

POSSESSION CHART - 1990 SEASON

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
MANN 8-24-90	2 PLAYS TD	4 PLAYS TD	4 PLAYS TD	7 PLAYS TD	2 PLAYS EOH	★ 2 PLAYS TD	12 PLAYS TD	2 PLAYS FUM	3 PLAYS PUNT					
LOWELL 8-31-90	* 11 PLAYS 78 YDS TD	1 PLAY 44 YDS TD	3 PLAYS 5 YDS PUNT	1 PLAY 6 YDS TD	7 PLAYS -2 YDS PUNT	4 PLAYS 11 YDS EOH	5 PLAYS 34 YDS TD	13 PLAYS 71 YDS TD	10 PLAYS 51 YDS TD	5 PLAYS 43 YDS EOG				
MUNSTER 9-7-90	* 9 PLAYS 44 YDS 4TH DOWN INT. PASS	3 PLAYS 5 YDS PUNT	6 PLAYS 57 YDS TD	6 PLAYS 16 YDS PUNT	5 PLAYS 32 YDS MISSED F.G.	12 PLAYS 52 YDS TD	2 PLAYS 26 YDS TD	3 PLAYS 4 YDS PUNT	3 PLAYS 7 YDS TD	6 PLAYS 13 YDS E.O.G				
CROWN POINT 9-14-90	3 PLAYS 31 YDS TD	6 PLAYS 20 YDS PUNT	8 PLAYS 56 YDS FUM	4 PLAYS 14 YDS TD	4 PLAYS 21 YDS PUNT	★ 3 PLAYS 6 YDS PUNT	7 PLAYS 21 YDS PUNT	5 PLAYS 10 YDS PUNT	1 PLAY INT.	6 PLAYS 8 YDS 4TH DOWN RUN FAILED				
CALUMET 9-21-90	4 PLAYS 8 YDS 4TH DOWN INT. PASS	6 PLAYS 47 YDS INT.	11 PLAYS 60 YDS TD	6 PLAYS 15 YDS PUNT	2 PLAYS 0 YDS EOH	★ 11 PLAYS 47 YDS 4TH DOWN RUN FAILED	3 PLAYS -2 YDS F.G.	2 PLAYS 2 YDS. FUM	4 PLAYS 42 YDS F.G. N.G.	4 PLAYS 25 YDS T.D	2 PLAYS 31 YDS TD	4 PLAYS 34 YDS TD	1 PLAY 0 YDS FUM.	
LAKE CENT. 9-28-90	* 7 PLAYS 32 YDS PUNT	3 PLAYS -14 YDS PUNT	3 PLAYS -2 YDS PUNT	10 PLAYS 15 YDS INTERC.	3 PLAYS 9 YDS PUNT	3 PLAYS -2 YDS PUNT	2 PLAYS 6 YDS FUM.	3 PLAYS 9 YDS PUNT	7 PLAYS 32 YDS. PUNT					
HIGHLAND 10-5-90	13 PLAYS 75 YDS TD	12 PLAYS 61 YDS TD	8 PLAYS 38 YDS TD	3 PLAYS 8 YDS PUNT	★ 3 PLAYS 3 YDS. PUNT	5 PLAYS 17 YDS PUNT	8 PLAYS 25 YDS TD	5 PLAYS 6 YDS FUM	5 PLAYS 15 YDS EOG					
KANKAKEE VALLEY 10-12-90	* 6 PLAYS 17 YDS PUNT	9 PLAYS 66 YDS TD	10 PLAYS 71 YDS TD	6 PLAYS 77 YDS TD	3 PLAYS 38 YDS TD	1 PLAY 4 YDS. FUM.	3 PLAYS 6.5 YDS TD	3 PLAYS -3 YDS FUM.	3 PLAYS 8 YDS PUNT	3 PLAYS 27 YDS E.O.G.				
BENTON CENTRAL 10-19-90	* 3 PLAYS 3 YDS PUNT	3 PLAYS 69 YDS TD	6 PLAYS 61 YDS TD	3 PLAYS 7 YDS PUNT	2 PLAYS 29 YDS FUM	7 PLAYS 67 YDS TD	3 PLAYS 24 YDS EOH	3 PLAYS 0 YDS PUNT	4 PLAYS 55 YDS TD	2 PLAYS 69 YDS TD	4 PLAYS 2 YDS 4TH DOWN RUN FAILED	10 PLAYS 53 YDS 4TH DOWN RUN FAILED		
NOLL 10-26-90	* 7 PLAYS 47 YDS TD	6 PLAYS 11 YDS PUNT	10 PLAYS 33 YDS TD	4 PLAYS 15 YDS EOH	4 PLAYS 49 YDS TD	12 PLAYS 75 YDS TD	4 PLAYS 86 YDS TD	6 PLAYS 45 YDS TD	9 PLAYS 55 YDS EOG					
GAVIT 11-02-90	* 3 PLAYS 9 YDS PUNT	4 PLAYS 48 YDS TD	3 PLAYS 16 YDS INTER.	9 PLAYS 97 YDS TD	7 PLAYS 69 YDS EOH	10 PLAYS 77 YDS TD	12 PLAYS 86 YDS TD	7 PLAYS 32 YDS E.O.G.						
ST. JOE 11-09-90	* 3 PLAYS 8 YDS. PUNT	3 PLAYS 6 YDS PUNT	5 PLAYS 26 YDS PUNT	8 PLAYS 53 YDS TD	4 PLAYS 7 YDS 4TH FAKE PUNT FAILED	3 PLAYS 1 YD PUNT	6 PLAYS 21 YDS 4TH DOWN PASS FAILED	6 PLAYS 56 YDS. INT.						

* = OPENING KICKOFF = = HALFTIME ★ = SECOND HALF KICKOFF

PANTHER STATS

1. Game# 12 Record: Win 9 Loss 3

2. Scoring

	1	2	3	4	OT	Total	Avg.
Opponent	23	52	27	27	0	129	10.8
Griffith	85	89	92	75	0	341	28.4

3. Off. Plays

	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg.
Opponent	372	155	527	43.9
Griffith	491	118	609	50.8

4. 1st Downs

	Rush	Pass	Pen.	Total	Avg.
Opponent	72	29	9	110	9.2
Griffith	130	31	12	173	14.4

5. Total Off.

	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg.
Opponent	1434	663	2097	174.8
Griffith	2809	934	3743	311.9

6. Fumbles

	No.	Recovered	Lost
Opponent	32	14	18
Griffith	27	16	11

7. Passing

	Attemp.	Com.	Pct	Yds	TD	Int
DJUKIC	71	26	37	575	8	3
WASSERMAN	39	21	54	285	2	2
SHERRY	8	2	25	74	1	0
Griffith	118	49	42	934	11	5
Opponent	155	47	30	663	3	19

8. Receiver

	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Longest
CROSEK	8	185	23.1	5	60
MASSA	3	55	18.3	0	32
MACISZAK	1	23	23	0	23
MIKLUSAK	6	55	9.2	1	13
BELL	5	142	28.4	1	62
LAMB	19	374	19.7	3	44
GARVEY	1	8	8	0	8
WOROSZ	1	24	24	0	24
MATHEWS	4	56	14	1	33
HARDER	1	12	12	0	12
Griffith	49	934	19.1	11	62
Opponent	47	663	14.1	3	69

Rusher

	No.	Yds	Avg.	TD	Longest
MATHEWS	128	716	5.6	8	58
LAMB	99	729	7.4	11	60
DJUKIC	57	224	3.9	5	22
GARVEY	70	413	5.9	4	36
POLITES	15	96	6.4	0	18
WASSERMAN	40	243	6.1	4	57
WOROSZ	17	147	8.6	3	65
LESLIE,T.	21	63	3	0	8
MURDOCK	15	65	4.3	0	14
LESLIE,S.	8	41	5.1	1	15
HARWOOD	10	45	4.5	0	13
DEWES	2	1	.5	0	1
SHERRY	2	-3	-1.5	0	1
Griffith	491	2809	5.7	36	65
Opponent	372	1434	3.9	14	59

Punts	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Block	Longest
VERBICH	33	1175	35.6	1	57
Griffith	33	1175	35.6	1	57
Opponent	45	1350	30	1	46

Kickoff	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Longest
SUTTON	38	1715	45.1	58
MURDOCK	16	693	43.3	60
SUTKOWSKI	8	319	39.9	45
Griffith	62	2727	44	60
Opponent	33	1407	42.6	59

Punt Ret.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Longest
LAMB	1	-12	-12	0	-12
GARVEY	8	79	9.9	0	23
POLITES	1	12	12	0	12
WASSERMAN	2	10	5	0	10
CROSEK	1	14	14	0	14
MURDOCK	4	28	7	0	13
DJUKIC	4	41	10.3	0	14
BELL	1	25	25	1	25
Griffith	22	197	9	1	25
Opponent	11	96	8.7	0	14

K.O.Ret.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Longest
WOROSZ	2	5	2.5	0	6
LOPEZ	1	1	1	0	1
POLITES	3	56	18.7	0	27
MATHEWS	10	224	22.4	0	35
MURDOCK	2	19	9.5	0	11
MACISZAK	1	24	24	0	24
GARVEY	6	128	21.3	0	51
CROSEK	2	30	15	0	15
WROBLEWSKI	1	9	9	0	9
Griffith	28	496	17.7	0	51
Opponent	59	973	16.5	1	93

Scoring	Rush	Pass	Pat 1	Pat 2	Safety	KO Ret	Fum Rec.	FG	Pun R	Int.	Total
CROSEK		5		1							32
LAMB	11	3		1							86
DJUKIC	5										30
WOROSZ	3										18
WASSERMAN	4										24
SUTTON			33					1			36
MURDOCK			5								5
SCHREIBER					1						2
MATHEWS	8	1									54
GARVEY	4										24
LESLIE,S.	1									1	12
MIKLUSAK		1									6
BELL		1							1		12
Griffith	36	11	38	2	1	—	—	1	1	1	341
Opponent	14	3	12	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	129

GRIFFITH HIGH SCHOOL

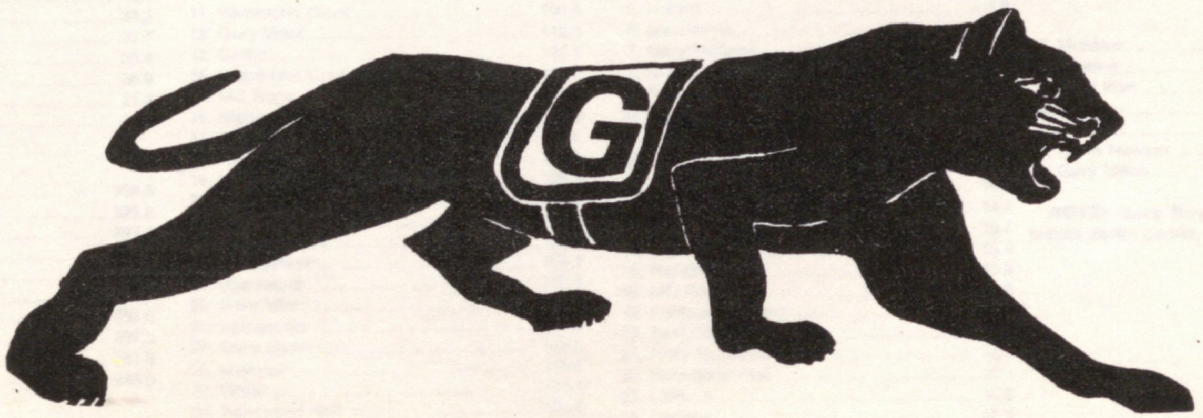
MODERN FOOTBALL RECORDS

TEAM RECORDS

SEASON:	GRIFFITH RECORD	AVG.	YR.	OPPONENT RECORD	AVG.	YR.
MOST POINTS	345	28.8	90**	261	26.1	74
MOST TOUCHDOWNS	49	4.4	89*	37	3.7	74
MOST TOUCHDOWNS (OTHER THAN RUNNING OR PASSING)	7	...	89*			
MOST FIRST DOWNS	151	15.1	82	137	13.7	74
MOST TOTAL OFFENSE	3743	311.9	90**	2,976	297.6	74
MOST YARDS RUSHING	2809	234.1	90**	2,156	215.6	74
MOST YARDS PASSING	972	97.2	68	953	95.3	74
MOST PUNTS	43	4.3	74	55	5.5	80
MOST PUNTS BLOCKED	4	...	73	2	...	72
MOST KICK-OFFS	64	5.8	89*	44	4.4	74
MOST OFFENSIVE PASS RECEPTIONS	82	8.2	73	59	5.9	76
BEST TEAM RUSHING AVG		5.9	89*		4.7	74
BEST TEAM PASSING PERCENTAGE		56%	68		43%	78
MOST PENALTIES	61	6.1	77	68	6.8	74
MOST YDS. PENALIZED	773	77.3	79	709	70.9	77
FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED	45	4.5	81			
MOST INTERCEPTIONS	25	2.3	89*			

* 11 games played **12 games played

GAME:	GRIFFITH RECORD			OPPONENT RECORD		
MOST POINTS	66	...	82 VS. MILWAUKEE N.	E. GARY	56	... 72
MOST TOUCHDOWNS	9	...	82 VS. MILWAUKEE N.	E. GARY	8	... 72
	9	...	85 VS. CALUMET			
MOST FIRST DOWNS	24	...	76 VS. CALUMET	MUNSTER	21	... 74
MOST TOTAL OFFENSE	486	...	85 VS. CALUMET	MUNSTER	496	... 74
MOST NET YDS. RUSHING	473	...	85 VS. CALUMET	MUNSTER	385	... 74
MOST YDS. PASSING	178	...	73 VS. LOWELL	E. GARY	330	... 72
MOST PUNTS	8	...	72 VS. E. GARY	E.C. ROOS	9	... 81
MOST PASS RECEPTIONS	15	...	72 VS. HIGHLAND			
MOST PENALITIES	13	...	76 VS. RIVER FORST	CALUMET	12	... 72
MOST INTERCEPTIONS	5	...	81 VS. LOWELL			



High school football statistical leaders

FINAL REGULAR SEASON

Area high school football leaders based on statistics supplied when the game was reported to the Post-Tribune; eight-game averages, 33 teams eligible:

OFFENSE

Rushing offense

1, Gary Wallace	279.4
2, East Chicago	256.0
3, Lake Central	242.0
4, Hobart	241.8
5, River Forest	220.9
6, Griffith	191.0
7, Gary West	182.6
8, Merrillville	177.8
9, North Judson	176.6
10, Hammond Morton	173.1
11, Rensselaer	169.3
12, Valparaiso	160.4
13, Portage	152.6
14, Hammond Clark	152.0
15, Lake Station	151.9
16, Crown Point	148.9
17, Gary Roosevelt	148.4
18, Hammond Gavit	142.3
19, Highland	119.5
20, Munster	112.4
21, Andrean	111.5
22, Kankakee Valley	109.4
23, MC Rogers	100.0
24, Whiting	97.3
25, LaPorte	96.5
26, Gary Wirt	93.5
27, Chesterton	82.6
28, Hammond Noll	78.1
29, Calumet	65.0
30, Lowell	56.6
31, Hammond	54.8
32, Gary Mann	51.0
33, North Newton	46.8

Passing offense

1, Whiting	164.4
2, Valparaiso	127.8
3, Hammond Noll	124.6
4, Hammond	115.4
5, Andrean	101.8
6, Hammond Gavit	98.8
7, Hobart	97.5
8, Crown Point	93.9
9, Portage	90.4
10, Griffith	90.0
11, Highland	89.9
12, Merrillville	89.5
13, MC Rogers	87.8
14, Munster	73.8
15, Lake Station	73.5
16, North Newton	70.9
17, Hammond Clark	69.9
18, River Forest	67.6
19, LaPorte	66.4
20, Rensselaer	64.9
21, Gary Wirt	61.6
22, Lowell	60.9
23, Kankakee Valley	55.6
24, Lake Central	55.1
25, North Judson	54.9
26, Calumet	45.6
27, Gary Wallace	43.4
28, Chesterton	39.3
29, Gary West	32.7
30, East Chicago	28.4
31, Gary Roosevelt	26.9
32, Gary Mann	21.3
33, Hammond Morton	13.0

Total offense

1, Hobart	339.3
2, Gary Wallace	322.8
3, Lake Central	297.1
4, River Forest	288.5
5, Valparaiso	288.1
6, East Chicago	284.4
7, Griffith	281.0
8, Merrillville	267.3
9, Whiting	261.6
10, Portage	243.0
11, Crown Point	242.6
12, Hammond Gavit	241.0
13, Rensselaer	234.1
14, North Judson	231.5
15, Lake Station	225.4
16, Hammond Clark	221.9
17, Gary West	220.4
18, Andrean	213.3
19, Highland	209.4
20, Hammond Noll	202.8
21, MC Rogers	187.8
22, Hammond Morton	186.1
22, Munster	186.1
24, Gary Roosevelt	175.3
25, Hammond	170.1
26, Kankakee Valley	165.0
27, LaPorte	162.9
28, Gary Wirt	156.4
29, Chesterton	121.9
30, North Newton	117.6
31, Lowell	117.5
32, Calumet	110.6
33, Gary Mann	72.3

Scoring offense

1, Hobart	35.1
2, Lake Central	31.4
3, Griffith	28.1
4, Gary Wallace	26.6
5, Portage	25.3
6, Andrean	24.0
7, North Judson	21.9
8, River Forest	21.8
9, Hammond Noll	21.6
10, Merrillville	21.4
11, East Chicago	21.1
12, Crown Point	20.9
13, Hammond Gavit	20.3
14, Gary West	19.7
15, Highland	18.8
16, Lake Station	18.1
17, Valparaiso	17.8
18, Rensselaer	17.0
19, Munster	14.4
19, Whiting	14.4
21, Gary Roosevelt	14.3
22, Hammond Clark	13.9
23, Hammond	13.5
24, MC Rogers	13.1
25, Gary Wirt	10.4
25, Hammond Morton	10.4
27, LaPorte	8.8
28, Calumet	6.3
28, Chesterton	6.3
30, North Newton	6.0
31, Kankakee Valley	5.6
31, Lowell	5.6
33, Gary Mann	4.3

DEFENSE

Rushing defense

1, Lake Central	52.9
2, Gary Wallace	71.0
3, East Chicago	80.6
4, Hobart	81.4
5, Crown Point	89.1
6, River Forest	94.8
7, Andrean	95.9
8, Lake Station	103.3
9, Merrillville	106.3
10, North Judson	107.1
11, Hammond Gavit	108.5
12, Gary West	112.3
13, Griffith	120.1
14, Hammond Clark	123.0
15, MC Rogers	127.4
16, Highland	134.9
17, Calumet	136.5
18, Hammond Morton	137.1
19, Kankakee Valley	138.0
20, LaPorte	146.6
21, Portage	147.3
22, Chesterton	150.5
23, Rensselaer	156.1
24, Hammond	160.1
25, Gary Wirt	162.9
26, Valparaiso	164.8
27, Gary Mann	172.9
28, Munster	176.0
29, Whiting	176.1
30, Hammond Noll	185.5
31, Gary Roosevelt	198.6
32, Lowell	205.0
33, North Newton	252.4

Passing defense

1, Griffith	20.3
2, Gary West	33.9
3, North Newton	42.1
4, Hammond	43.9
5, North Judson	50.4
6, Lake Central	51.3
7, Gary Wallace	55.9
8, Gary Roosevelt	56.6
9, Hammond Noll	62.0
10, Lake Station	62.8
11, Gary Wirt	63.8
12, Valparaiso	65.9
13, River Forest	66.9
14, Crown Point	67.1
15, Merrillville	68.9
16, Gary Mann	73.0
17, Hammond Gavit	74.1
18, Andrean	74.4
19, Munster	75.1
20, Chesterton	77.3
21, Hammond Clark	78.0
22, Hobart	81.5
23, Lowell	83.1
24, Calumet	86.6
25, MC Rogers	86.9
26, Hammond Morton	87.6
27, East Chicago	91.4
28, Highland	93.0
29, Portage	98.9
30, Kankakee Valley	93.6
31, LaPorte	111.3
32, Rensselaer	111.9
33, Whiting	121.4

Total defense

1, Lake Central	104.1
2, Gary Wallace	126.9
3, Griffith	140.4
4, Gary West	146.1
5, Crown Point	156.3
6, North Judson	157.5
7, River Forest	161.6
8, Hobart	162.9
9, Lake Station	166.0
10, Andrean	170.3
11, East Chicago	172.0
12, Merrillville	175.1
13, Hammond Gavit	182.6
14, Hammond Clark	201.0
15, Hammond	204.0
16, MC Rogers	214.3
17, Calumet	223.1
18, Hammond Morton	224.8
19, Gary Wirt	226.6
20, Chesterton	227.8
21, Highland	227.9
22, Valparaiso	230.6
23, Kankakee Valley	231.6
24, Portage	240.5
25, Gary Mann	245.9
26, Hammond Noll	247.5
27, Munster	251.1
28, Gary Roosevelt	255.1
29, LaPorte	257.9
30, Rensselaer	268.0
31, Lowell	288.6
32, North Newton	294.5
33, Whiting	297.5

Scoring defense

1, Lake Central	4.0
2, Crown Point	5.3
3, Lake Station	6.9
4, Hammond Gavit	7.3
5, Hobart	7.8
6, Merrillville	8.9
7, Gary Wallace	9.5
7, Griffith	9.5
9, River Forest	9.6
10, Andrean	10.3
11, North Judson	11.8
12, Hammond Clark	13.8
13, Hammond	14.6
14, Gary West	14.9
15, Hammond Morton	15.4
16, Highland	15.9
16, Rensselaer	15.9
18, MC Rogers	16.3
19, Kankakee Valley	17.0
20, East Chicago	17.5
21, Gary Roosevelt	18.0
22, Hammond Noll	18.1
23, LaPorte	18.8
24, Portage	20.9
25, Chesterton	23.4
26, Valparaiso	24.1
27, Munster	24.8
28, Whiting	27.4
29, Gary Wirt	27.8
30, Lowell	27.9
31, Calumet	28.4
32, North Newton	28.9
33, Gary Mann	30.3

NOTE: Gary Roosevelt and **Gary West** played seven games. Statistics are unofficial.

Local standings

Regular season final

■ Duneland Conference

	CON. W	CON. L	ALL W	ALL L	PF	PA
c-Hobart	6	0	8	0	281	62
Merrillville	5	1	6	2	171	71
Portage	4	2	5	3	202	167
M.C. Rogers	3	3	5	3	105	130
LaPorte	2	4	2	6	63	150
Valparaiso	1	5	3	5	142	193
Chesterton	0	6	0	8	50	186

■ Lake Shore Conference

	CON. W	CON. L	ALL W	ALL L	PF	PA
c-Ham. Gavit	3	1	7	1	162	58
c-Ham. Noll	3	1	4	4	173	145
Hammond	2	2	4	4	108	117
Ham. Morton	1	3	4	4	83	123
Ham. Clark	1	3	4	4	109	110

■ Lake Suburban Conference

	CON. W	CON. L	ALL W	ALL L	PF	PA
c-Lake Central	6	0	8	0	251	32
Crown Point	5	1	6	2	167	42
Griffith	4	2	6	2	225	76
Highland	3	3	4	4	148	127
Munster	2	4	3	5	115	198
Lowell	1	5	2	6	45	223
Calumet	0	6	0	8	50	225

■ Northwestern Conference

	CON. W	CON. L	ALL W	ALL L	PF	PA
c-Gary Wallace	4	0	6	2	217	76
Gary West	3	1	4	3	138	104
Gary Roosevelt	2	2	3	4	100	126
Gary Wirt	1	3	2	6	83	207
Gary Mann	0	4	1	7	26	242

■ NW Hoosier Conference

	CON. W	CON. L	ALL W	ALL L	PF	PA
c-Lake Station	4	1	7	1	145	55
c-River Forest	4	1	6	2	174	77
Rensselaer	3	2	3	5	137	126
North Judson	2	3	4	4	175	94
Kank. Valley	2	3	2	6	45	136
North Newton	0	5	0	8	48	231

■ Independents

	W	L	PF	PA
Andrean	7	1	192	82
East Chicago	3	5	169	140
Whiting	1	7	115	219

c-Conference champion.

Prep Football

Indiana Final Top 10

INDIANAPOLIS — The final Associated Press Indiana high school football polls for 1990, with first-place votes in parentheses, regular-season records and rating points (440 possible in Class 5A, 420 in 4A, 380 in 3A, 360 in 2A, and 300 in A):

Class 5A

1. Penn (16), 8-0, 419
2. LAKE CENTRAL (3), 8-0, 374
3. Indpls Ben Davis (3), 7-1, 372
4. Marion, 8-0, 296
5. Carmel, 7-1, 265
6. Southport, 7-1, 227
7. Warren Central, 6-2, 193
8. MERRILLVILLE, 6-2, 147
9. Seymour, 7-1, 62
10. LEW WALLACE, 6-2, 56

Others with votes: Crown Point 29, Indpls North Central 29, FW North 26, Elkhart Central 24, Indpls Howe 21, Lawrence Central 20, Martinsville 19, Warsaw 15, Evansville Central 9, PORTAGE 9, Mishawaka 8, Muncie South 8, Bloomington South 6, Richmond 6.

Class 4A

1. HOBART (20), 8-0, 418
2. Franklin Central (1), 8-0, 372
3. ANDREAN, 7-1, 328
4. Franklin County, 8-0, 296
5. Columbia City, 7-1, 226
6. Greenwood, 7-1, 197
7. Mt. Vernon (Posey), 7-1, 177
8. SB Washington, 6-2, 176
9. Lafayette Harrison, 6-2, 116
10. Evansville Reitz, 6-2, 92

Others with votes: Evansville North 43, Vincennes 18, Evansville Bosse 15, Floyd Central 12, Delta 8, Homestead 7, Indpls Pike 7, Columbus East 6, Concord 6.

Class 3A

1. FW Dwenger (14), 8-0, 360
2. Tipton (2), 8-0, 325
3. Jasper (3), 8-0, 312
4. Whitko, 8-0, 260
5. Northwestern, 8-0, 214
6. Salem, 8-0, 201
7. New Palestine, 7-1, 166
8. GRIFFITH, 6-2, 127
9. Danville, 7-1, 99
10. SB St.Joseph's, 6-2, 98

Others with votes: Lakeland 22, BISHOP NOLL 21, GAVIT 17, Charlestown 14, Hamilton Southeastern 13, Indpls Chatard 12, Brown Co. 7, Carroll (Allen) 7, Indpls Cathedral 6.

Class 2A

1. Western Boone (14), 8-0, 343
2. South Spencer (4), 8-0, 328
3. Frankton, 8-0, 282
4. Eastside, 8-0, 239
5. Monrovia, 7-1, 201
6. Hagerstown, 8-0, 196
7. Winamac, 8-0, 161
8. Hamilton Hts., 7-1, 154
9. Glenn, 6-2, 65
10. North Knox, 6-2, 53

Others with votes: Cass 52, FW Luers 37, Sullivan 14, Greencastle 13, Lawrenceburg 8, LAKE STATION 7, West Lafayette 7.

Class A

1. Springs Valley (8), 8-0, 284
2. Bremen (5), 8-0, 272
3. South Decatur (2), 8-0, 239
4. South Adams, 8-0, 212
5. Southwood, 7-1, 179
6. Clinton Central, 7-1, 146
7. Tri High, 7-1, 136
8. North Miami, 6-2, 123
9. Attica, 7-1, 97
10. North Putnam, 6-2, 73

Others with votes: Tecumseh 12, Tri-Central 6, Tri-County 6.

WEEK 1

■ NONCONFERENCE
Andrean 30, Hammond Noll 14
Griffith 44, Gary Mann 0
Hammond Gavit 6, Kankakee Valley 0
Hammond Morton 19, Gary Wirt 6
Hobart 29, Gary Wallace 6
Lake Central 27, East Chicago 0
Lake Station 13, Gary West 8
Lowell 22, Rensselaer 12
M.C. Rogers 26, M.C. Elston 6
Merrillville 18, Crown Point 0
Munster 20, Hammond 6
New Prairie 6, LaPorte 0
North Judson 35, Knox 0
Portage 27, Highland 14
River Forest 32, Whiting 20
Rochester 34, North Newton 20
S.B. Riley 14, Chesterton 0
S.B. Washington 38, Hammond Clark 12
Valparaiso 38, Calumet 22

WEEK 2

■ DUNELAND CONFERENCE
Merrillville 22, Chesterton 0
Portage 21, LaPorte 20, (OT)

■ LAKE SUBURBAN CONFERENCE
Griffith 42, Lowell 6
Highland 32, Munster 6

■ NORTHWEST HOOSIER CONFERENCE
Lake Station 13, North Judson 6
Rensselaer 29, North Newton 12
River Forest 20, Kankakee Valley 0

■ NONCONFERENCE
Andrean 35, Gary Wirt 18
Gary Mann 6, Calumet 0
Gary Roosevelt 14, Hammond Morton 6
Gary Wallace 36, Mishawaka Marian 7
Hammond 52, Chicago Carver 0
Hammond Clark 17, Chicago Hirsch 12
Hammond Gavit 12, St. Francis de Sales (Chicago) 6
Hammond Noll 17, Gary West 14
M.C. Rogers 13, East Chicago 0

Region Classic

(All games at the Hoosier Dome)

■ DUNELAND CONFERENCE
Hobart 34, Valparaiso 6

■ LAKE SUBURBAN CONFERENCE
Lake Central 3, Crown Point 0

■ NONCONFERENCE
South Central 20, Whiting 0

WEEK 3

■ DUNELAND CONFERENCE
LaPorte 12, Chesterton 6
M.C. Rogers 17, Valparaiso 10
Merrillville 21, Portage 20, (2 OTs)

■ LAKE SUBURBAN CONFERENCE
Crown Point 23, Highland 0
Griffith 28, Munster 6
Lake Central 43, Calumet 0

■ NORTHWESTERN CONFERENCE
Gary Roosevelt 20, Gary Mann 6
Gary West 26, Gary Wirt 13

■ NORTHWEST HOOSIER CONFERENCE
Kankakee Valley 23, North Newton 0
Lake Station 12, River Forest 0
Rensselaer 20, North Judson 17

■ NONCONFERENCE
Benton Central 12, Lowell 8
Caston 25, Whiting 24
Chicago Leo 38, Hammond 0
Gary Wallace 18, Hammond Noll 12
Hammond Clark 12, Chicago St. Martin 8
Hammond Gavit 46, Chicago Amundsen 6
Hammond Morton 22, Chicago Carver 0
Hobart 31, Andrean 14
Terre Haute North 29, East Chicago 28

WEEK 4

■ DUNELAND CONFERENCE
Hobart 46, LaPorte 3
Merrillville 19, M.C. Rogers 8
Valparaiso 18, Chesterton 14

■ LAKE SHORE CONFERENCE
Hammond 14, Hammond Morton 0
Hammond Gavit 12, Hammond Clark 0

■ LAKE SUBURBAN CONFERENCE
Crown Point 14, Griffith 12
Highland 26, Calumet 8
Munster 26, Lowell 0

■ NORTHWESTERN CONFERENCE
Gary Roosevelt 20 Gary Wirt 0
Gary Wallace 35, Gary West 2

■ NORTHWEST HOOSIER CONFERENCE
Kankakee Valley 15, Rensselaer 8
North Judson 42, North Newton 0

■ NONCONFERENCE
Andrean 51, Gary Mann 0
East Chicago 27, Hammond Noll 12
Lake Central 35, Portage 12
Lake Station 12, Whiting 0
River Forest 19 South Central 0
Portage 29, M.C. Rogers 10

■ LAKE SHORE CONFERENCE
Hammond 7, Hammond Gavit 6
Hammond Noll 24, Hammond Clark 22

■ LAKE SUBURBAN CONFERENCE
Crown Point 34, Lowell 0
Griffith 36, Calumet 0
Lake Central 35, Highland 8

■ NORTHWESTERN CONFERENCE
Gary Wallace 46, Gary Roosevelt 7
Gary Wirt 28, Gary Mann 14

■ NORTHWEST HOOSIER CONFERENCE
North Judson 34, Kankakee Valley 0
Rensselaer 33, Lake Station 0
River Forest 41, North Newton 0

■ NONCONFERENCE
Andrean 29, Indianapolis Howe 13
East Chicago 45, Munster 13
Hammond Morton 10, Luther South (Ill.) 9
South Bend St. Joe's 10, LaPorte 7
Whiting 51, West Central 20

WEEK 6

■ DUNELAND CONFERENCE
Hobart 24, Portage 14
LaPorte 14, Valparaiso 13
M.C. Rogers 17, Chesterton 10

■ LAKE SHORE CONFERENCE
Hammond Gavit 21, Hammond Noll 20
Hammond Morton 14, Hammond Clark 13

■ LAKE SUBURBAN CONFERENCE
Crown Point 44, Munster 0
Lake Central 29, Griffith 0
Lowell 9, Calumet 6

■ NORTHWESTERN CONFERENCE
Gary Wallace 48, Gary Wirt 6
Gary West 46, Gary Mann 0

■ NORTHWEST HOOSIER CONFERENCE
Lake Station 37, North Newton 0
River Forest 22, Rensselaer 0

■ NONCONFERENCE
Andrean 3, Merrillville 0
East Chicago 41, Terre Haute South 8
Hammond 20, Gary Roosevelt 13
Highland 13, Kankakee Valley 0
Momence, Ill. 49, Whiting 7
Winamac 27, North Judson 7

WEEK 7

Friday, Oct. 5

■ DUNELAND CONFERENCE
M.C. Rogers 14, LaPorte 7
Hobart 19, Merrillville 13
Portage 41, Valparaiso 29

■ LAKE SHORE CONFERENCE
Hammond Clark 7, Hammond 2
Hammond Noll 41, Hammond Morton 6

■ LAKE SUBURBAN CONFERENCE
Munster 32, Calumet 14
Griffith 28, Highland 14
Lake Central 50, Lowell 0

■ NORTHWESTERN CONFERENCE
Gary Wallace 18, Gary Mann 0
Gary West 34. Gary Roosevelt 19

■ NORTHWEST HOOSIER CONFERENCE
Lake Station 20, Kankakee Valley 0
River Forest 27, North Judson 20 (three overtimes)

■ NONCONFERENCE
Andrean 17, Chesterton 0
Crown Point 17, East Chicago 9
Lafayette Central Catholic 15, Rensselaer 14
North Newton 12, Gary Wirt 8
Hammond Gavit 33, Whiting 13

WEEK 8

Thursday, Oct. 11

■ DUNELAND CONFERENCE
Hobart 49, M.C. Rogers 0

Friday, Oct. 12

■ DUNELAND CONFERENCE
Merrillville 34, LaPorte 7
Portage 38, Chesterton 14

■ LAKE SHORE CONFERENCE
Hammond Gavit 26, Hammond Morton 6
Hammond Noll 33, Hammond 7

■ LAKE SUBURBAN CONFERENCE
Crown Point 35, Calumet 0
Highland 41, Lowell 0
Lake Central 29, Munster 12

■ NONCONFERENCE
Andrean 13, Gary Wallace 6
Providence Catholic 35, Gary Mann 0
Gary West 8, South Bend St. Joseph's 7
Kankakee (Ill.) McNamara 37, Gary Wirt 0
Griffith 35, Kankakee Valley 7
Lake Station 38, South Central 8
North Judson 14, Mishawaka Marian 7
Momence (Ill.) 25, River Forest 13
Twin Lakes 24, Rensselaer 20
South Newton 13, North Newton 8
Valparaiso 14, Gary Roosevelt 7

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

REGULAR SEASON ONLY

HORACE MANN GAME

DEFENSIVE BACK - BILL POLITES
DEFENSIVE LINE - NICK MATHEWS

OFFENSIVE BACK - ALEX DJUKIC
OFFENSIVE LINE - JASON ANDERSON

SPECIALTY - SCOTT SUTTON

CALUMET GAME

DEFENSIVE BACK - ANDY WROBLEWSKI
DEFENSIVE LINE - SCOTT SUTTON

OFFENSIVE BACK - CLINT LAMB
OFFENSIVE LINE - (NONE)

SPECIALTY - (NONE)

LOWELL GAME

DEFENSIVE BACK - JIM CROSEK
DEFENSIVE LINE - SCOTT SUTTON

OFFENSIVE BACK - CLINT LAMB
OFFENSIVE LINE - JOE REITZ

SPECIALTY - ERIC SCHREIBER

LAKE CENTRAL GAME

DEFENSIVE BACK - DON WASSERMAN
DEFENSIVE LINE - RICK BURKS

OFFENSIVE BACK - NICK MATHEWS
DEFENSIVE LINE - DARYL LOPEZ

SPECIALTY - JOE REITZ & JOHN VERBICH

MUNSTER GAME

DEFENSIVE BACK - MIKE BELL
DEFENSIVE LINE - ERIC SCHREIBER

OFFENSIVE BACK - ALEX DJUKIC
OFFENSIVE LINE - NEAL MIKLUSAK

SPECIALTY - JOHN VERBICH & DON HIGGINS

HIGHLAND GAME

DEFENSIVE BACK - BILL POLITES
DEFENSIVE LINE - RICK BURKS

OFFENSIVE BACK - NICK MATHEWS
OFFENSIVE LINE - DARYL LOPEZ

SPECIATLY - SCOTT SUTTON

CROWN POINT GAME

DEFENSIVE BACK - MIKE WOROSZ
DEFENSIVE LINE - NEAL MIKLUSAK

OFFENSIVE BACK - NICK MATHEWS
OFFENSIVE LINE - JOE REITZ

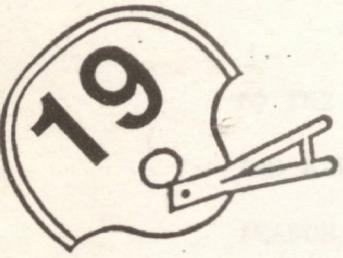
SPECIALTY - JERRY MURDOCK

KANKAKEE VALLEY GAME

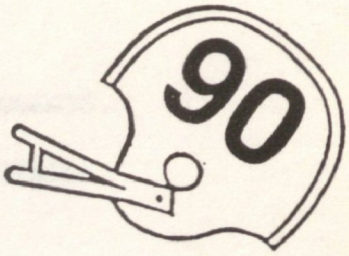
DEFENSIVE BACK - MIKE WOROSZ
DEFENSIVE LINE - NICK MATHEWS

OFFENSIVE BACK - CLINT LAMB & TIM GARVEY
OFFENSIVE LINE - ANDY WROBLEWSKI

SPECIALTY - NICK MATHEWS



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Awards

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER.....NICK MATHEWS

MOST IMPROVED.....DARYL LOPEZ

BEST MENTAL ATTITUDE.....DAVE COMER

LEADING TACKLER.....NICK MATHEWS

OUTSTANDING DEFENSIVE BACK.....MIKE WOROSZ

OUTSTANDING DEFENSIVE LINEMAN.....SCOTT SUTTON

OUTSTANDING DEFENSIVE LINEBACKER.....NICK MATHEWS

OUTSTANDING OFFENSIVE BACK.....CLINT LAMB

OUTSTANDING OFFENSIVE LINEMAN.....JASON ANDERSON

OUTSTANDING RECEIVER.....CLINT LAMB

SPECIALTY.....JOHN VERBICH

OFFENSIVE STAR.....CLINT LAMB

DEFENSIVE STAR.....SCOTT SUTTON

SENIOR SCHOLOR.....ALEX DJUKIC

J. V. MOST VALUABLE PLAYER.....SCOTT SHERRY

J. V. MOST IMPROVED.....ANDY WROBLEWSKI

BEST MENTAL ATTITUDE.....RYAN HOOVER

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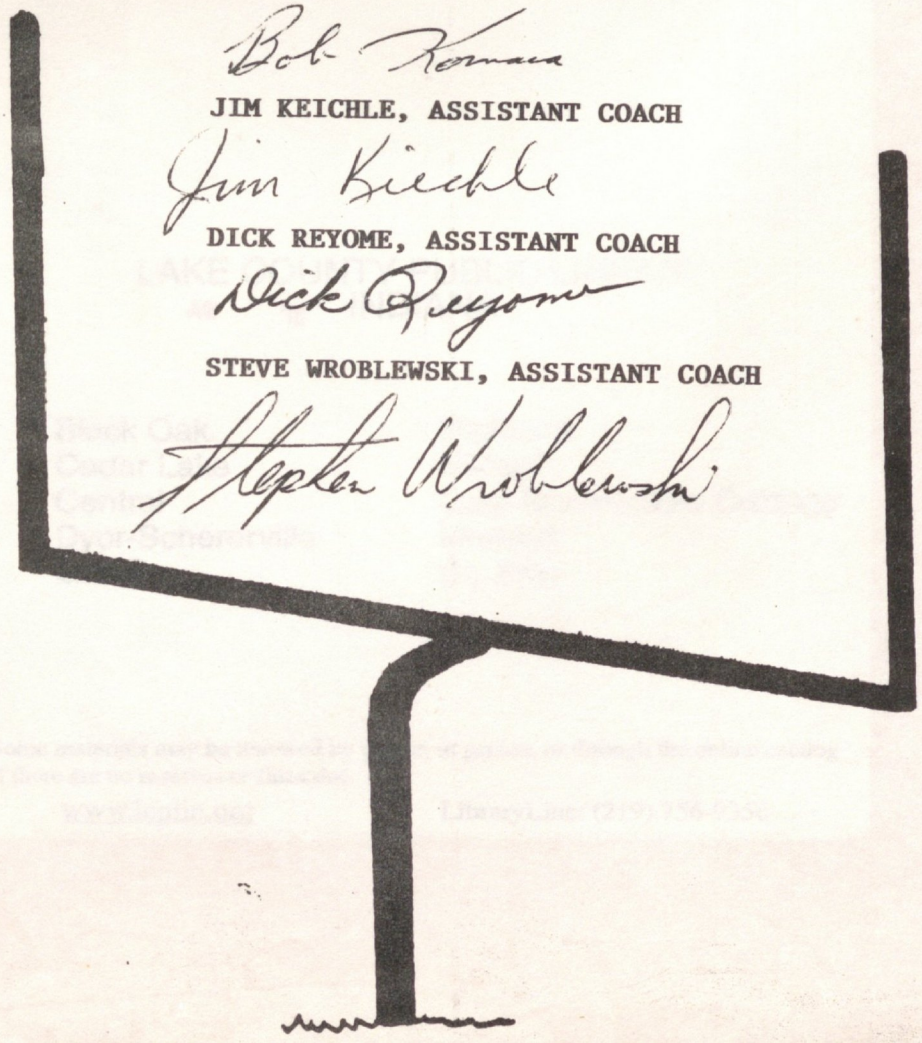
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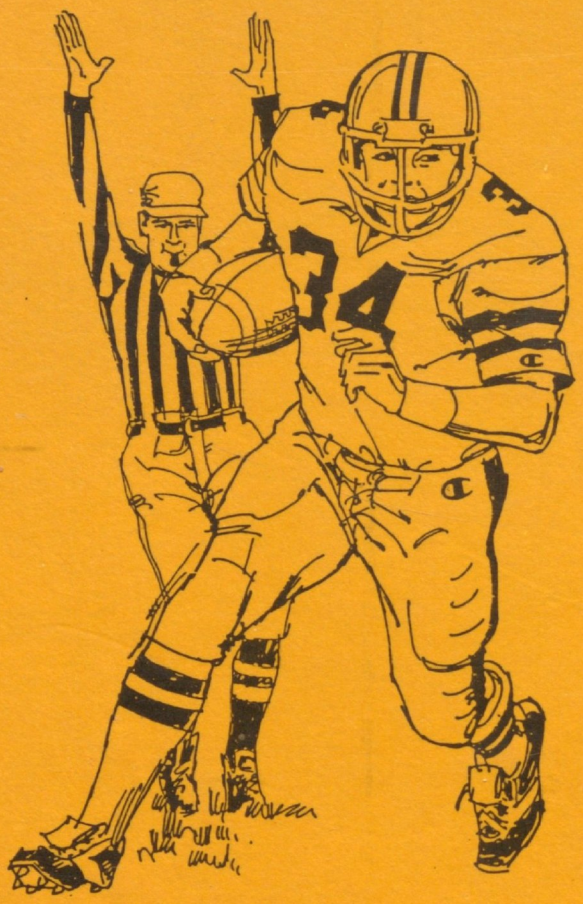
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